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TO SACS WASHINGTON FIELD
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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KEN W. CLAWSON, AKA KENNETH W. CLAWSON, SPECIAL INQUIRY,
BUDED COB TOMORROW, JANUARY SEVEN, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALLS TODAY.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT LIMITED DISCREET
INQUIRY RE CLAWSON WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR WHITE HOUSE
POSITION.

BORN AUGUST SIXTEEN, NINETEEN THIRTYSIX, MONROE, MICHIGAN,
AND RESIDES EIGHT FIVE ZERO MERRIEWOOD LANE, MC LEAN, VIRGINIA.
HE IS REPORTER WITH WASHINGTON POST.

NO OPEN INQUIRIES ARE TO BE CONDUCTED AND YOUR INQUIRIES
SHOULD BE LIMITED TO CHECKS OF URFILES, APPROPRIATE CREDIT AND
ARREST CHECKS, AND CHECK OF RECORDS OF INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED
BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 6, 1972

SENSITIVE

MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED] FBI
FROM: ALEXANDER BUTTERFIELD
(per [REDACTED])
RE: KENNETH CLAWSON

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As discussed, Mr. Clawson is being considered for a White House position.

Pertinent information concerning Mr. Clawson follows:

d. o. b. 8/16/36 Monroe, Michigan

address: 850 Merriewood Lane
McLean, Virginia

occupation: reporter with WASHINGTON POST

We would like a name check of Mr. Clawson and whatever information you can obtain without making any open inquiries i. e., check of your field office for local reputation, IRS, credit, if possible, etc.

One item we would like to have some additional information about is the fact that Mr. Clawson's first wife committed suicide about four years ago.

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For your information, Mr. Clawson is aware of the fact that he is under consideration.

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This information is needed by Monday morning and again we stress that no open inquiries are to be conducted.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Washington Post
3-25-71

Thieves Got Over 1,000 FBI Papers

By Betty Medsger
and Ken W. Clawson
Washington Post Staff Writer

The Justice Department disclosed last night that more than 1,000 documents were stolen in a March 8 burglary of the FBI office in Media, Pa.

Copies of 14 of the stolen documents were mailed anonymously to several places in the past few days. Some of the contents of the documents were published in The Washington Post yesterday.

The documents described FBI surveillance of campus and black activist organizations at one college campus, utilizing local police, letter carriers and campus employees.

Justice officials charged last night that the 14 documents mailed to two members of Congress and to newspapers were carefully selected from among the 1,000 to create an impression of unwarranted or illegal methods used by the FBI. It was presumed that the selection of the documents and their mailing was done by those who stole the records.

"Actually," one Justice official said, "a full examination of the stolen documents reveals the FBI showed restraint rather than overzealousness. They do excellent police work."

Attorney General John N. Mitchell Tuesday night urged publications that had received copies of the 14 documents to temporarily refrain from publishing them on grounds that "disclosure of this information could endanger the lives or cause other serious harm to persons engaged in investigative activities on behalf of the United States."

The Washington Post published information about incidents described in the FBI reports, but no names contained in the memos were used.

Justice Department officials who spent all day yesterday compiling and analyzing copies of most of the stolen documents said the Media, Pa., files contained more than 1,000 reports that cover "every conceivable" category of FBI investigations.

They said an analysis of the files revealed that the burglars, who call themselves the Citizens' Commission to Investigate the FBI, intended to mislead a senator, a congressman, and at least three newspapers by sending them only reports that would appear to discredit the FBI.

For example, one of the documents made public by the group involved FBI surveillance of a Philadelphia-area college professor whom agents suspected of harboring one or more fugitives.

The memo shows how the FBI enlisted the local police chief, a neighbor, the postmaster, the security officer at the college and even the campus switchboard operator to help them keep track of the professor. The memo also contains much information on the professor's political views, his "hippie" associates and one appraisal that the professor is a "radical."

With access to only that memo, Justice officials contended last night, it appears the professor was being watched mainly because of his politics. The officials said this was not so.

The memo was actually part of a packet of reports on the September, 1970, slaying of a Boston policeman during a bank holdup, they said.

The whole packet was stolen, Justice officials said, but the thieves did not make public other memos that showed the FBI had evidence two of the fugitives—Katherine Power, 21, of Denver, and Susan E. Saxe, 20, of Albany, N.Y.—might try to make contact with the professor.

Both women were placed on the FBI's "Most Wanted" list in October, 1970. The FBI memo on the investigation of the professor was dated Nov. 13, 1970.

Katherine Power and Susan Saxe were described as part of a "radical, revolutionary" campus group in the Boston area. They have not been apprehended.

Justice officials said access to all the memos pertaining to the investigation showed

the FBI was conducting "a straight criminal investigation." One official said, "They were doing what any policeman would do with information these fugitives might come to that area."

Some of the documents, however, seemed to indicate regular surveillance of certain groups, such as the Black Panthers and the Black Economic Development Conference.

One of the memos was a directive from J. Edgar Hoover directing that black student groups "organized to project the demands of black students" be added to those under regular surveillance. That memo was dated Nov. 4, 1970, and there is no indication he later countermanded the order.

Justice officials would not comment on another memo that described FBI tactics on dissenters or a new policy that provides for hiring student informers aged 18 to 21.

In a memo entitled "New Left Notes—Philadelphia," agents were advised to get "more interviews with these subjects and hangers-on . . . for plenty of reasons, chief of which are it will enhance the paranoia endemic in these circles and will further serve to get the point across there is an FBI agent behind every mailbox."

The burglary in which the 1,000 documents were stolen occurred in the resident agent's office in Media, Pa. According to local police, the burglars forced open an unused door by pushing aside a file cabinet that normally blocked the door.

They jimmied open the locked file cabinets and ransacked the room, police said. Damage was minimal. As a result of the burglary, described yesterday by Justice officials as a "new peacenik tactic," the FBI has bolstered security of all its field offices.

It was the second break-in at an FBI office. On Sept. 6, 1970, the Rochester, N.Y., office was burglarized by eight anti-war activists, three of them from Philadelphia.

All eight are now serving 12- to 18-month prison terms.

No FBI records were stolen in that raid.

10-25-70

Post Misquoted Mitchell

The Washington Post misquoted Attorney General John N. Mitchell in his Indianapolis speech earlier this month. The misquotation produced a distortion of the Attorney General's comments on vigilantes.

In a front-page story Oct. 17, The Washington Post quoted the Attorney General as saying that citizens "might have to resort to vigilante tactics."

In a letter to The Post today, Deputy Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst reports that an audio tape of the speech reveals Mitchell said things could reach a point where:

". . . citizens outside of government might *feel they would have to resort to vigilante tactics . . .*"

The Kleindienst letter is on Page P7.

The Washington Post regrets the error.

An Incorrect Quotation of the Attorney General

Of all the news media which reported the Attorney General's recent comments about vigilantes, only The Washington Post misquoted him, and it did so prominently on the front page. Thereafter, the incorrect quotation was repeated as the subject of a column by Nicholas von Hoffman, and the next day as the subject of a cartoon by Herblock. I seldom write a letter to the editor, but in view of this triple exposure of an erroneous report, I trust you will agree the record should be corrected publicly.

What the Attorney General said was that things could reach a point where:

". . . citizens outside of government might *feel they would have to resort to the vigilante tactics that have been in this country years and years ago.* It is not recommended. We hope they will never come to that, but this is the only possible danger that I can see from the ongoing activities of these groups." (Italics mine).

These words were correctly carried by the Associated Press and are confirmed by the audio tape. However, The Washington Post reporter quoted the Attorney General as saying that citizens "might have to resort to vigilante tactics." (Italics mine).

For an Attorney General to acknowledge, or to believe, that there could be circumstances under which citizens "might have to resort to vigilante tactics" is, of course, unthinkable. He does not believe it, he would not say it, and he did not say it. On the other hand, the possibility that citizens *might feel they have to resort to such tactics* is a possibility which should concern all of us very deeply, particularly those who would condone lawlessness and violence.

I trust you will agree that the misquotation by your reporter seriously misrepresents the entire thrust and tone of what he said. In contrast to The Post's approach, for example, both the Indianapolis News and Star, which were on the scene, found the

correct quotation so innocuous that their headlines and lead paragraphs emphasized an entirely different aspect of the news conference. The New York Times gave the correct quotation only passing reference, and the UPI dispatch mentioned it only briefly.

It will be difficult for this letter to overcome the damage done by your report, particularly when compounded by the Post's one-two punch of von Hoffman and Herblock. Under the circumstances, I respectfully request that you print the full text of this letter, including the relevant questions and replies of the Attorney General, transcribed from the audio tape as follows:

Q: Some people in the more liberal side of the political spectrum are concerned about the growing emphasis on police powers, for instance, the new no-knock clause that has been talked about in Congress. Is there a danger of swinging too far in the direction of police action in this country?

A: Not in my opinion. There will not be the danger of swinging too far in governmental action because we have a Constitution and courts to control those activities. If there be any danger, it might be that the society itself might take it upon itself to defend itself against some of these attacks. That would be an area of danger that I do not see at the present time but could possibly come about.

Q: What would cause that to come about—just continuation of the bombings and hijackings and things like this?

A: Yes—to the point where the citizens outside of government might feel they would have to resort to vigilante tactics that have been in this country years and years ago. It is not recommended. We hope it will never come to that, but this is the only possible danger that I can see from the ongoing activities of these groups.

RICHARD G. KLEINDIENST,
Deputy Attorney General
Washington.

10/22/20

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The Right Way To Be Tough

A Commentary

By Nicholas von Hoffman

"Society may take it upon itself to defend itself against this lawlessness. I hope it doesn't come about, but citizens might have to resort to vigilante tactics."

Who said that? Dr. Carl McIntire? Jerry Rubin? Bernardine Dohrn? Senator Hruska? Huey P. Newton?

None of 'em. The incendiary who uttered these words was that old municipal bond salesman, the highest law officer of the Republic, our Attorney General John Mitchell.

It is to be hoped that many millions of citizens will ask themselves why, if the Attorney General of the United States confesses he can't enforce the laws and protect our persons and property, he doesn't quit and turn the job over to someone who can. The inappropriateness of the Attorney General rationalizing the noose and the tar bucket as due process is so obvious that we can pass on to discuss what he ought to be doing.

Aside from getting a grip on his tongue, he—of all people—should know we're in a very nervous trough of time with many fearing and/or anticipating new acts of political violence. In Washington there is a cringing dread that the tragedy of South America and Canada may be reenacted here.

If Canada, which many of us Americans have come to think of as a more sensitive, sensible and flexible nation, can have, so far, failed to win the love and loyalty of so many of its French-speaking citizens, there's reason enough to worry about this side of the border. We have many groups whose grievances are as real and as unrequited as those of the *Canadiens-français*.

We also have something of a cult of adoration for people we imagine are engaged in desperate and bloody political acts. There are many people who pray that Angela Davis and Bernardine Dohrn are guilty of the crimes they're accused of and more besides. We've come a long way, baby, from Elizabeth Taylor to Marilyn Monroe to Janis Joplin to these black and white radical maids of Orleans.

In the face of this—the possibility that a politician might be kidnapped—what does an Attorney General do? He certainly shouldn't indulge in the expressive, personal-salvation politics of those who're drawn to such acts. He's a rich, powerful man, not a young person who's lived through these last years of public debasement, a had-it-up-to-here black; a youthful white of unbounded rage and unfocused judgment.

He should know better and act better by lessening the chances such a thing will occur. Since it's impossible, although perhaps desirable, to lock up our public officials in a safety deposit box, he can say now, in the most flatly believable way, that should there be a kidnapping, the government will make no deal under any circumstances whatsoever. He has to say it in the low voice of thoughtful, irrevocable decision, not off the cuff; not cute, not angry, not scared, but so that people hearing him will believe it.

This won't eliminate the kidnapping, but it'll lessen the odds of its happening. Some people still may not believe him, and others may not care. Many of these acts are done not because those committing them think they'll get away with it, but because they want to set an example for others to follow, and because they provide an internal feeling of liberation and relief from guilt, constraint and anger. Today I die, but I die a free, erect man, that kind of thing.

There's nothing any attorney general can do about such incentives; they arise from the unmentionable hash that Mitchell and his colleagues in this and past administrations have made of their responsibilities, but the man can make certain that no one thinks there will be any external gain from doing something like this.

Instead of giving out with crazy talk about vigilante tactics, he can say now that if a dignitary is snatched, no one, not Angela Davis nor Dave Harris, nor the Brothers Berrigan, nor Bobby Seale, will be put on a plane to Algiers. He should explain this isn't a decision lightly made, that the American government isn't letting a plane load of passengers be murdered in the name of some higher cause or abstract principle, but because if a deal is made the first time, there's bound to be a second. Maybe again a deal is made to save lives, but finally there comes a kidnapping, a plane hijacking where a deal is impossible. Imagine, after three or four such incidents, it happens again but now the ransom is freeing every prisoner in the jails of New York City.

That's not preposterous. Even the authorities concede that the conditions in them are atrocious; large numbers of the inmates haven't been tried or convicted—they're merely waiting months on end to come to trial; and lastly, the heavy majority are blacks and Puerto Ricans who are, in some real sense, not criminals but people driven to crime by the greater crime of the life they're forced to lead.

Nevertheless, no government can agree to their emancipation even if it means abandoning a whole plane load of people. Social change can't come by taking hostages. If it were otherwise, the North Vietnamese could use the American prisoners of war to force us to withdraw.

Since sooner or later the government will have to say no, sooner is the better hope of saving lives. Yet this is all so fantastic. That we should be debating such grisly questions in the newspapers. How unthinkable even seven years ago when the only bombers were the Klan—the Birmingham church—and the labor goons, when the only political kidnappers were the likes of those who murdered the three in Philadelphia, Mississippi. There was no left; the Communist Party had been squashed, there was no SDS, no bombers—no insurrectionists, no rioters. They were made, manufactured not by outside agitators because there were none, but by John Mitchell and his predecessors, by the gang of them who've had no more to offer in the way of program or prospect than Mrs. Mitchell's free ticket to Cuba for anybody who doesn't like it.

4-11-71

Wash. Post

Stolen FBI File Discloses Check on Reuss' Daughter

By Michael Kenney

Special to The Washington Post

BOSTON, April 10 — The FBI investigated the daughter of Rep. Henry S. Reuss, an antiwar congressman from Wisconsin, according to information contained in a document purportedly stolen from the FBI's Media, Pa., office.

Copies of the document were distributed today by the Citizens Commission to Investigate the FBI, a group which has claimed responsibility for raiding the Media, Pa., FBI office on March 8.

It includes a memorandum to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover from the Philadelphia office relaying routine information on the educational background of Jacqueline Reuss, the congressman's 21-year-old daughter, who is a senior at Swarthmore College.

In Washington, the FBI had no comment on the document.

The Reuss memo was written last Nov. 19 and was based on information obtained from a secretary in the registrar's office at Swarthmore. The secretary was identified in the document as an established source who had asked the FBI not to reveal her identity.

Dr. Robert Cross, president of the Philadelphia-area college, said the secretary denied being an established source.

The one-page document on Miss Reuss was one of eight in the latest packet to be distributed. It was mailed, among

telephone interview she "knew the FBI was checking on me last fall." She said she believed the reason for the investigation was "the typical sort of thing — leftist activities."

[She said she was a member of the Swarthmore branch of the Students for a Democratic Society two years ago, but was not involved in any organization now.]

Miss Reuss said, "It really bothers me to be under surveillance and to know other people are and that people on the campus are collaborating with the FBI."

[Her father is traveling in the Far East and could not be reached for comment.]

Copies of the memo were noted to be sent to the Alexandria, Va., and Milwaukee field offices.

Swarthmore President Cross told the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin he had seen a copy of the Reuss memo several days ago and had assigned Deborah Townsend, dean of women, to discuss it with Miss Reuss.

Dean Townsend said she had "no idea whatsoever" why the FBI had sought information on the congressman's daughter.

Cross said the information forwarded to the FBI was "routine" and would have been turned over to the FBI or similar government agency as a matter of course.

On Friday, Cross said

Swarthmore faculty, students,

"that the FBI sometimes uses coercion of one kind or another in obtaining information from people like yourself. However, the people you have been spying on are, on the whole, attempting to work for a more just and open society. Your cooperation with the government is seriously hindering this work."

The letter suggests that its recipients might "want to openly discuss this matter with those you have been informing on, you will probably find them very understanding and willing to help you."

But, the letter goes on, "don't expect the FBI to help you. They have a habit of using people like yourself and then forgetting about them once their usefulness is over."

"The struggle for freedom and justice in this society can never succeed," the letter concludes, "if people continue to betray their brothers and sisters."

The one-page document on [illegible] government agency as a matter of course. Miss Reuss was one of eight in the latest packet to be distributed. It was mailed anonymously from Philadelphia to this reporter. Previously, a total of 25 documents had been mailed to newsmen.

The memorandum, also sent to a Philadelphia newsmen, was titled "Jacqueline Reuss, Information Concerning--Security Matter."

It indicated that the secretary had forwarded to the FBI information from Miss Reuss' file in the Swarthmore registrar's office. The information dealt with Miss Reuss' educational background, particularly the fact that she had spent parts of 1969 and 1970 college semesters in France at universities in Nanterre and Avignon.

The information from the secretary identified Miss Reuss' parents by name and gave their Washington address, but did not identify Reuss as a congressman.

A Democrat, Reuss represents a district in Milwaukee. A longtime opponent of the Vietnam war, last week he publicly endorsed an April 24 Washington peace march.

[Last month, the Justice Department disclosed that more than 1,000 documents were stolen from the FBI's Media, Pa. office. At that time, department sources cited a document concerning the child of a congressman as an example of the type of file which, if made public, could misrepresent the FBI's actions. These sources said the FBI had received the approval of the congressman before making the investigation, and, when finding that his child was not involved in dangerous activity, had reported this to the lawmaker. The sources did not name the congressman.]

[Reuter news service reported that Miss Reuss said in a

On Friday, Cross said Swarthmore faculty, students and staff members who distributed earlier by the Citizens Commission had indicated that some Swarthmore employees had given information to the FBI.

The material distributed today is basically concerned with informers, identifying FBI sources in colleges and activist groups.

The Citizens Commission also distributed the text of a letter it had mailed March 30 to informants.

"We realize," the letter says,

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Martin
1 - Mr. Young

January 11, 1972

BY LIAISON

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Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

On January 6, 1972, [redacted] of your office requested limited inquiries concerning Mr. Ken W. Clawson, a staff writer employed by "The Washington Post" in Washington, D. C. It was specifically requested that no open interviews be conducted concerning Mr. Clawson.

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On several occasions within the past year Mr. Clawson has written articles in "The Washington Post" indicating bias and hostility toward the FBI and me.

The Internal Revenue Service has advised that income tax returns were timely filed by Mr. Clawson for the years 1968, 1969, and 1970. There is no record of unpaid taxes, liens, or intelligence investigations concerning these returns.

The records of appropriate credit reporting agencies in Washington, D. C.; Boston, Massachusetts; and Toledo, Ohio, were checked and contained no derogatory information concerning Mr. Clawson. It was indicated that he has a satisfactory credit rating.

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NOTE: See memo Martin to Cleveland captioned "KEN W. CLAWSON, SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE," 1/6/72, DHY:llg (attached).

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Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield

The records of appropriate law enforcement agencies in the aforementioned cities and in Fairfax County, Virginia, were checked and contained no information concerning Mr. Clawson, with the exception of the following:

The records of the Toledo Police Department, Toledo, Ohio, indicate that Mr. Clawson was cited for speeding on January 21, 1965. This charge was dismissed on February 9, 1965.

[redacted] also requested any available details concerning the death of Mr. Clawson's first wife, Nancy Clawson. The records of the Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department indicate that on the morning of June 13, 1968, Nancy Clawson, 6611 Maugh Road, McLean, Virginia, was found dead on the front seat of her car in a locked garage attached to the house. She died of carbon monoxide poisoning. Mr. Clawson advised the authorities that he and his wife returned home late on the evening of June 12, 1968, and retired. He stated that when he awoke in the morning she was gone and she was discovered in the garage by a son. The records indicate that Nancy Clawson had a history of psychological problems and was then receiving treatment from a psychiatrist. Her death was ruled a suicide.

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The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Clawson.

In accordance with instructions, these inquiries were limited to checks of available records and no open interviews were conducted.

Sincerely yours,

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cleveland *WIC*

DATE: 1/6/72

FROM : L. H. Martin *LHM*

SUBJECT: KEN W. CLAWSON
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

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Cleveland _____
Ponder _____
Bates _____
Waikart _____
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Soyars _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

EE [redacted] in Alexander Butterfield's office today requested through SA [redacted] an expedite limited check concerning Clawson who is being considered for some White House position. [redacted] did not indicate the position involved. She stressed that no open inquiries should be conducted but our check should be limited to a check of Bureau files, credit and arrest checks, and a check of the records of the Internal Revenue Service. She also requested b6 that any available information concerning the suicide of Clawson's first wife [redacted] some four years ago be furnished to The White House. [redacted] advised that Clawson is aware b7C of the fact that he is being considered for this position and that a check would be made by the FBI.

Clawson is the Washington Post reporter who is well known to the Bureau. In November, 1970, Clawson saw the Director, following which he wrote a very favorable and factual article setting forth the results of the interview. Later, in April, 1971, Clawson showed his true colors when he wrote a lengthy article in the Post captioned "Untouchable Hoover, FBI Under Fire," on which the Director commented, "I didn't expect Clawson to join the pack of jackals but then O'Leary did."

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ACTION: The investigation has been ordered to the field and, in accordance with The White House's instructions, absolutely no open inquiries will be made.

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Miller
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Martin
1 - [redacted]
1 - Mr. Young

Re certain we include
fact of Clawson's hostility
towards [redacted] of this organization
columns. *161-8537-2*

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JAN 18 1972

Letter to
Butterfield
1-17-72
SKY:llg

DHY:RH:mfy *mfy*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 7 1972

NR 005 BS PLAIN

TELETYPE

4:45PM URGENT 1-7-72 JAM

✓ TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: BOSTON 161-3008 ONE PAGE RUC

KENNETH W. CLAWSON, SPI.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Miller, ES	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Dalbey	_____
Mr. Cleveland	_____
Mr. Ponder	_____
Mr. Bates	_____
Mr. Waikart	_____
Mr. Walters	_____
Mr. Soyars	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

✓ MRA MARTIN
ROOM 2246

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL THIS DATE.

NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE AT CREDIT BUREAU
OF GREATER BOSTON, INC., SIX ST. JAMES AVE., BOSTON, MASS.

NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE BELMONT, MASS.

PD. ALSO NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE FOR YEARS
NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE TO DATE AS HAVING RESIDED AT ONE
THREE TWO BARTLETT AVENUE, BELMONT, MASS., ACCORDING TO LIST
OF RESIDENTS BELMONT, MASS., TWENTYONE YEARS OF AGE AND OVER.

NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE AT MASSACHUSETTS
COMMISSIONER OF PROBATION, SUFFOLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BOSTON,
MASS., A CENTRAL REPOSITORY FOR ALL TRAFFICE AND CRIMINAL
CONVICTION RECORDS IN COMMONWEALTH OF MASS.

END

LMR FBI WA DC CLR

16-8537-3
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JAN 19 1972

APR 1 1972 10:15

RECEIVED - 10:15 AM
FBI - BOSTON

57 MAR 16 1972

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service
Washington, DC 20224

Date: In reply refer to:

Jan. 7, 1972 CP:D



Taxpayer:

Kenneth W. Clawson
850 Merriewood Lane
McLean, Virginia

ES

Years: 1968, 1969, and 1970

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Our records show that income tax returns were timely filed. There is no record of unpaid taxes, liens, or intelligence investigations concerning these returns.

This completes our report.

161-85374

No dissemination should be made of
Internal Revenue Service information
outside the White House, Department
of Justice, and employing agency.

NOT RECORDED

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 7 1972
Wm M. Tolson

TELETYPE

NR 02 CV CODE

4:57 PM URGENT 1-7-72 JMK

TO DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM CLEVELAND (161-NEW) 1P

KENNETH W. CLAWSON. SPECIAL INQUIRY.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Miller, ES _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Dalbey _____
Mr. Cleveland _____
Mr. Ponder _____
Mr. Bates _____
Mr. Waikart _____
Mr. Walters _____
Mr. Soyars _____
Tele. Room _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

MR. APARTMENT
ROOM 1246

LLS
RE WASHINGTON FIELD TEL CALL TO CLEVELAND, JAN. SEVEN,
SEVENTYTWO (10).

RECORDS, CREDIT BUREAU OF TOLEDO, TOLEDO, OHIO, ON JAN.
SEVEN, SEVENTYTWO, REFLECT CREDIT FOR CLAWSON SATISFACTORY WITH
NO SUITS, COLLECTIONS OR JUDGMENTS. FURTHER, WIFE NANCY DECEASED
JUNE ¹⁴ NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AS RESULT OF SUICIDE.

RECORDS, TOLEDO, OHIO, PD, DISCLOSE JAN. TWENTYONE, SIXTYFIVE, *a*
SPEEDING ATTACHMENT WHICH WAS WRITTEN OFF FEB. NINE, SIXTYFIVE.

CLEVELAND INDICES NEGATIVE.

RUC.

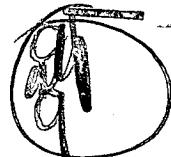
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Date: 1/7/72

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TELETYPE

NITEL

Via

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND SAC, ALEXANDRIA

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-7987)

KEN W. CLAWSON, AKA KENNETH W. CLAWSON, SPI, BUDED:

COB JANUARY SEVEN INSTANT.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE JANUARY SIX LAST, COPY TO ALEXANDRIA.

THIS CONFIRMS WFO TELEPHONE CALL TO ALEXANDRIA.

INVESTIGATION REVEALS APPOINTEE'S CURRENT WIFE AS

SPIN. P.

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b7C**NOT RECORDED**

11 JAN 19 1972

(1) - Bureau
1 - WFO

LWS:dco

Approved: *FYI* Sent _____ M Per _____Special Agent in Charge
57 MAR 16 1972

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Date: 1/7/72

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (161-NEW) (RUC)
KEN W. CLAWSON, aka
Kenneth W. Clawson,
SPI
BUDED: 1/7/72

Re Bureau telcall, 1/6/72, and Bureau teletype to
WFO, 1/6/72.

Records Fairfax County, Va., PD, checked 1/6/72, b6
re appointee and wife [redacted] negative. Alexandria indices b7C
negative re appointee and wife.

Alexandria also called Richmond Division and
checked their indices and same was negative.

1 Bureau
1 - Alexandria

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15 JAN 7 1972

Approved: *PTI* Sent _____ M Per _____
SP 57 MAR 16 1972 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 1/7/72

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Via TELETYPENITEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND SACS, BOSTON
CLEVELAND

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-7987)

pls
KEN W. CLAWSON, AKA KENNETH W. CLAWSON, SPI, BUDED: COB
JANUARY SEVEN INSTANT.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE JANUARY SIX LAST.

THIS CONFIRMS WFO TELEPHONE CALLS TO BOSTON AND CLEVELAND.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT LIMITED DISCREET
INQUIRY RE CLAWSON WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR WHITE HOUSE
POSITION.

BORN AUGUST SIX, THIRTYSIX, MONROE, MICHIGAN AND RESIDES
EIGHT FIVE ZERO MERRIEWOOD LANE, MC LEAN, VIRGINIA. HE IS A
REPORTER WITH THE "WASHINGTON POST".

NO OPEN INQUIRIES ARE TO BE CONDUCTED AND YOUR INQUIRY
SHOULD BE LIMITED TO CHECKS OF YOUR FILES AND APPROPRIATE
CREDIT AND ARREST CHECKS.

① - Bureau
1 - WFO

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5 JAN 18 1972
[Signature]

Approved: *K/G* *411*
5 MAR 16 1972
Special Agent in Charge

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Date:

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(Priority)WFO 161-7987
PAGE TWO

INVESTIGATION INDICATES APPOINTEE FORMERLY RESIDED
ONE THREE TWO BARTLETT AVENUE, BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS, AND
ALSO THAT HE WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED TOLEDO BLADE COMPANY,
TOLEDO, OHIO.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED
BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAYS WILL BE TOLERATED.

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Approved: _____ Sent: _____ M Per: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 1/7/72

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (161-7987) (P)KEN W. CLAWSON
aka Kenneth W. Clawson
SPIReButelephone call to WFO 1/6/72 and Bu teletype
1/6/72.

Pending IRS.

WFO indices contain no pertinent identifiable
information concerning the appointee or his current wife,
[redacted]MISCELLANEOUS

On 1/6/72, SA [redacted] reviewed the appointee's U.S. Secret Service Press File which indicated he was born 8/16/36, Monroe, Michigan, and had Social Security Number 380-34-0806 and presently holds a White House Press Pass.

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On 1/6/72, SA [redacted] reviewed the Secret Service Press File on the appointee's wife, which indicated that she had held a White House Press Pass as [redacted] and that her name was indicated as [redacted] as of 11/71, and that she currently holds a White House Press Pass. She was indicated to be employed by Newhouse National News Service, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., WDC, and her birthdate was indicated as [redacted] and addresses were [redacted]

1 - Bureau
1 - WFO

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NOT RATED

5 JAN 18 1972

Approved: F417 K/S
Special Agent in Charge
57 MAR 16 1972

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indicated as [redacted]

and [redacted]

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On 1/7/72, [redacted] caused a search b6
to be made of the files of the U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury and was advised that no derogatory information was found concerning the appointee.

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WFO 161-7987

CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCY CHECKS

SA [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D.C., and was advised on 1/7/72 that the files contained a satisfactory credit rating for the appointee.

[redacted] on 1/7/72, determined that no record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee or spouse [redacted]

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It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

On 1/7/72, [redacted] searched the files of the U.S. Park Police and no identifiable record could be found concerning the appointee or spouse.

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It is to be noted the files of The Credit Bureau reflected the following information as of 1970:

Address: 6611 Maugh Road, McLean, Virginia.

Employment: National Editor, The Washington Post,
since 3/6/68.

Former Address: 132 Bartlett Avenue, Belmont, Mass.

Former Employment: Toledo Blade Co., Toledo, Ohio.

Spouse: [redacted]

No additional pertinent information was contained in the file.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 10 1972

TELETYPE

NR 01 CV CODE

1:49 PM URGENT 1-10-72 JMK

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CLEVELAND ¹⁶¹⁻⁸⁰² ~~KQXQATPW~~ IP

KENNETH W. CLAWSON. SPIN.

Re

RE CLEVELAND TEL TO BUREAU, JAN. SEVEN LAST.

CLAWSON FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY THE "TOLEDO BLADE" A
NEWSPAPER IN TOLEDO, OHIO. SPEEDING ATTACHMENT REFERRED TO IN
RETEL MEANS APPLICANT CITED FOR SPEEDING BUT SUBSEQUENTLY
DISMISSED. APPLICANT'S WIFE COMMITTED SUICIDE, MC LEAN,
VA. BY CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING JUNE FOURTEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

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NOT RECD

5 JAN 18 1972

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REF ID: A6757

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57 MAR 16 1972

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Miller, ES	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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Mr. Walters	_____
Mr. Soyars	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

✓ MR. MARTIN
ROOM 1245

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F B I

Date: 1/12/72

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (161-NEW) (RUC)

KEN W. CLAWSON, aka
Kenneth W. Clawson
SPI

BUDED: 1/7/72

Reb
Re Bureau telcall, 1/10/72 and Alexandria telcall,
1/10/72.

Enclosed herewith is a Police Department Death Report obtained from the Fairfax County, Va., Police Department.

For information of the Bureau, the police department requested that copies of this report not be made available to any outside agency inasmuch as it is considered confidential. Information from this report could be disseminated if necessary.

Note!

1 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (By Courier)
1 - Alexandria

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Approved: *JPO* Sent _____ M Per _____ *55*

57 MAR 16 1972
Special Agent in Charge



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ENCLOSURE

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TO: Bureau

FROM: Alexandria (161-NEW)

CONTENTS: One copy Police Department Death Report

RE: Alexandria airtel to the Bureau, 1/12/72

SUBJECT: KEN W. CLAWSON

SPI

11-2853-191

1/21/72

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SACS WASHINGTON FIELD (161-7987) -
BOSTON (161-3008)
CLEVELAND (161-802)
ALEXANDRIA
DETROIT

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (161-8637)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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1/21/72

TELETYPE

KENNETH WADE CLAWSON, AKA KEN W. CLAWSON, SPECIAL
INQUIRY, BUDED JANUARY TWENTYEIGHT, NEXT, WITHOUT FAIL.

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BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION
OF CLAWSON. PRESS REPORTS TODAY INDICATE HE HAS RESIGNED FROM
POSITION WITH WASHINGTON POST TO BECOME DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
COMMUNICATIONS, WHITE HOUSE OFFICE, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY SEVEN,
NEXT.

BORN AUGUST SIXTEEN, NINETEEN THIRTYSIX, MONROE, MICHIGAN,
AND RESIDES EIGHT FIVE ZERO MERRIEWOOD LANE, MCLEAN, VIRGINIA.
PRESENTLY MARRIED TO THE FORMER [REDACTED] AND HAS FOUR
CHILDREN, [REDACTED]

ENCLOSURE GRADUATED FROM MONROE HIGH SCHOOL, MONROE, MICHIGAN, IN

NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR. WAS NIEMAN FELLOW, HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

NINETEEN SIXTYSIX TO SIXTYSEVEN.

EX-10 REC-15

161-8537-12

NOTE: Request received today. Separate memo sent through
re request.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Miller, E.S. _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Dalbey _____
Mr. Cleveland _____
Mr. Ponder _____
Mr. Bates _____
Mr. Waikart _____
Mr. Walters _____
Mr. Soyars _____
Tele. Room _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

DHY:mfymf

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MAR 16 1972

TELETYPE UNIT

MCT-58

JAN 24 1972

RETURN TO MR. YOUNG, Room 1258.

TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD
RE KENNETH WADE CLAWSON

FROM NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR TO NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE EMPLOYED
BY MONROE EVENING NEWS, MONROE, MICHIGAN, AS ADVERTISING
MANAGER, ADVERTISING SALESMAN, REPORTER, AND EDITOR.

FROM NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE TO SIXTYEIGHT EMPLOYED BY TOLEDO
BLADE, TOLEDO, OHIO, AS LABOR AND POLITICAL REPORTER AND
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR.

SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT EMPLOYED BY WASHINGTON POST,
WASHINGTON, D. C., AS CORRESPONDENT COVERING WHITE HOUSE AND
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. JOHNSIE DAVID CLAWSON, THREE TWO NINE
SOUTH ROESSLER STREET, MONROE, MICHIGAN.

FOR INFO DETROIT, BUREAU HAS JUST COMPLETED A VERY LIMITED
CHECK CONCERNING CLAWSON WHERE NO OPEN INQUIRIES WERE MADE
ON SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE. CHECK LIMITED
TO BUREAU FILES, CREDIT AND ARREST CHECKS, AND INTERNAL REVENUE
SERVICE CHECK. NO RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON INSTANT
REQUEST.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED
BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

SPIN.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 17, 1972

TO: [REDACTED] FBI

FROM: Alexander P. Butterfield

SUBJECT: FBI Investigations

Subject's Name: CLAWSON, Kenneth W.

Date of Birth 8/16/36 Place of Birth Monroe, Michigan

Present Address: 850 Merriewood Lane, McLean, Virginia b6
b7C

We request: Copy of Previous Report

Name Check

 Full Field Investigation

The [REDACTED] name above is being considered for:

 White House Staff Position Presidential Appointment Position with another Agency

ATTACHMENTS:

 SF 86 (in duplicate) SF 87, Fingerprint Card Biography

REMARKS:

Biography will be sent as soon as received.

REPORT SHOULD BE DELIVERED BY FBI TO:

ENCLOSURE

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161-8537-12

Received
1/21/72 PM
off

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 21, 1972

TO: FBI
FROM:

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As promised the following is the
Biography of Ken Wade Clawson.

161-8537-12
ENCLOSURE

KEN WADE CLAWSON

Ax
850 Merriewood Lane
McLean, Virginia

Personal:

Born: August 16, 1936
Monroe, Michigan

De
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Johnsie David Clawson
329 South Roessler Street
Monroe, Michigan

Ax
Wife: [redacted]
of Stamford, Connecticut

Children: [redacted]

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Education:

De
Monroe Public High School, 1954
Various specialized newspaper-oriented courses
Lucis Nieman Fellow at Harvard University, 1966-1967

Employment

De
1954-1963 - Monroe Evening News
Classified Advertising manager, retail advertising
salesman, reporter, editor

Cv
1963-1968 - Toledo Blade, Toledo, Ohio
National Labor Reporter
Assistant city editor
Political reporter

WFO
1968 - Present - The Washington Post
Congressional Editor
National correspondent, covering White House, Justice
Department

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ENCLOSURE

Ken Wade Clawell, cont'd.

Memberships

Temple Rodef Shalom, Falls Church, Va.

Harvard Club of New York City

White House Correspondents Assn.

Nieman Fellows of Washington

Langley Club of McLean, Virginia

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 28, 1972

TO: [REDACTED] FBI
FROM: [REDACTED]

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The following 86 forms on Ken Wade
Clawson were promised January 17, 1972.

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Standard Form 86

AUGUST 1964

U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
(F.P.M. CHAPTER 736)

86-107

SECURITY INVESTIGATION DATA FOR SENSITIVE POSITION

CASE SERIAL NO. (CSC use only)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Prepare in triplicate, using a typewriter. Fill in all items. If the answer is "No" or "None," so state. If more space is needed for any item, continue under item 28.

1. FULL NAME <i>(Initials and abridgements of full name are not acceptable. If no middle name, show "(NMM)"; if initials only, show "(no given or middle name)"</i>		(LAST NAME) Clawson	(FIRST NAME) Ken	(MIDDLE NAME) Wade	2. DATE OF BIRTH August 16, 1936
OTHER NAMES USED. (Maiden name, names by former marriages, former names changed legally or otherwise, aliases, nicknames, etc. Specify which, and show dates used.) None					3. PLACE OF BIRTH Monroe, Mich.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED		<input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FEMALE			
<input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW(ER)		4. HEIGHT 5'9"	5. WEIGHT 195	6. COLOR EYES Blue	7. COLOR HAIR Brn
<input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED		6. <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE 7. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED, GIVE FULL NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE OR FORMER SPOUSE. INCLUDE WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME. GIVE DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE. (Give same information regarding all previous marriages and divorces.) 1. Nancy Lee Henneman. 4/17/37. Valier. Mont. b6 b7c (died 6/10/68) 2. [redacted]			

8. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE. (If actual places of residence differ from the mailing addresses, furnish and identify both. Begin with present and go back to January 1, 1937. Continue under item 28 on other side if necessary.)

FROM	TO	NUMBER AND STREET	CITY	STATE
1937	1938	First & Wadsworth Sts.	Monroe	Mich.
1938	1941	RR 1	Luttrell	Tenn.
1941	1948	317 W. 5th St.	Monroe	Mich.
1948	1954	329 So. Roessler St.	Monroe	Mich.
1954	1958	3330 Ferndale Ave.	Monroe	Mich.
1958	1966	316-320 Colonial Dr.	Monroe	Mich.
1966	1967	134 Bartlett Ave.	Belmont	Mass.
1967	1968	River Road	Toledo	Ohio
1968	1970	6611 Maugh Rd.	McLean	Va.
1970	Present	850 Merriewood La.	McLean	Va.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BY BIRTH		<input type="checkbox"/> NATURALIZED	ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.	DATE, PLACE, AND COURT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. CITIZEN		CERT. NO. PETITION NO.		
		<input type="checkbox"/> DERIVED-PARENTS CERT. NO(S).		
<input type="checkbox"/> ALIEN		REGISTRATION NO.	NATIVE COUNTRY	DATE AND PORT OF ENTRY

10. EDUCATION. (All schools above elementary.)

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	FROM (Year)	TO (Year)	DEGREES
Monroe High School	Monroe, Mich.	1948	1954	Graduated
Harvard University	Cambridge, Mass.	1966	1967	Special

11. THIS SPACE FOR FBI USE. (See also item 29.)

12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER **380-34-0806**

13. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or present)

None

SERIAL NO. (If none, give grade or rating at separation)	BRANCH OF SERVICE (Army, Navy, Air Force, etc.)	FROM (Yr.)	TO (Yr.)

14. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMED FORCES UNDER OTHER THAN HONORABLE CONDITIONS? YES NO.
(If answer is "Yes," give details in item 28.)

15. EMPLOYMENT. (List ALL employment dates starting with your present employment. Give both month and year for all dates. Show ALL dates and addresses when unemployed. Give name under which employed if different from name now used.)

FROM	TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER (Firm or agency) AND SUPERVISOR (Full name, if known)	ADDRESS (Where employed)	TYPE OF WORK	REASON FOR LEAVING
1954	1963	Monroe Evening News	Monroe, Mich.	Newspaper	Other employ.
1963	1968	Toledo Blade	Toledo, Ohio	"	"
1968	Pres.	Washington Post	Wash., D.C.	"	"

16. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED (FIRED) FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR ANY REASON? YES NO.

17. HAVE YOU EVER RESIGNED (QUIT) AFTER BEING INFORMED THAT YOUR EMPLOYER INTENDED TO DISCHARGE (FIRE) YOU FOR ANY REASON? YES NO.
(If your answer to 16 or 17 above is "Yes" give details in item 28. Show the name and address of employer, approximate date, and reasons in each case. This information should agree with the statements made in item 15—EMPLOYMENT.)

18. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, HELD FOR INVESTIGATION OR QUESTIONING, OR CHARGED BY ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY?
(You may omit: (1) Traffic violations for which you paid a fine of \$30 or less; and (2) anything that happened before your 16th birthday. All other incidents must be included, even though they were dismissed or you merely forfeited collateral.) YES NO.

IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," GIVE FULL DETAILS BELOW:

DATE	CHARGE	PLACE	LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY	ACTION TAKEN

(SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED AGENCY OFFICIAL)

19. HAVE YOU EVER HAD A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN OR HAVE YOU EVER HAD MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR A MENTAL CONDITION? YES NO.
(If your answer is "Yes," give details in item 28.)

20. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (SINCE 1930). *(Exclusive of military service.)*

COUNTRY	DATE LEFT U.S.A.	DATE RETURNED U.S.A.	PURPOSE
Canada	Various trips (25-40) between 1950 & 1966		Tourist
Aruba, N.W.I.	3/16/69	2/70	Shopping
Antigua	2/70	2/70	Honeymoon
			Vacation

21. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., OR ANY COMMUNIST OR FASCIST ORGANIZATION? YES NO.

22. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH IS TOTALITARIAN, FASCIST, COMMUNIST, OR SUBVERSIVE, OR WHICH HAS ADOPTED OR SHOWS A POLICY OF ADVOCATING OR APPROVING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE TO DENY OTHER PERSONS THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, OR WHICH SEEKS TO ALTER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS? YES NO.

23. IF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 21 OR 22 ABOVE IS "YES," STATE THE NAMES OF ALL SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, MOVEMENTS, GROUPS, OR COMBINATIONS OF PERSONS AND DATES OF MEMBERSHIP. IN ITEM 28 OR ON A SEPARATE SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THIS FORM, GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF YOUR ACTIVITIES THEREIN AND MAKE ANY EXPLANATION YOU DESIRE REGARDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR ACTIVITIES.

NAME IN FULL	ADDRESS	FROM	TO	OFFICE HELD
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None

24. MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. *(List all organizations in which you are now a member or have been a member, except those which show religious or political affiliations.) (If none, so state.)*

NAME IN FULL	ADDRESS	TYPE	FROM	TO	OFFICE HELD
Harvard Club	New York City	University	1967	Present	None
White House Correspondents Assn.	Wash., D.C.	Newspaper	1971	Present	None
Nieman Fellows	Wash., D.C.	Newspaper	1971	Present	None
Langley Club	McLean, Va.	Social	1968	Present	None

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25. RELATIVES. *(Parents, spouse, divorced spouse, children, brothers, and sisters, living or dead. Name of spouse should include b6 b7C name and any other names by previous marriage. If person is dead, state "dead" after relationship and furnish information for other columns as of time of death.)*

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	YEAR OF BIRTH	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
Wife				USA	USA
Child				USA	USA
Child				"	"
Child				"	"
Wife (dead)	Nancy Henneman Clawson	4/17/37	6611 Maugh Rd., McLean		
Father					
Mother					
Sister					

26a. REFERENCES. (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are aware of your qualifications and fitness.)

NAME IN FULL	HOME ADDRESS	BUSINESS ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
		Harvard Univ.	5
		D.C., Justice Dept.	3
		Justice Dept.	2

26b. CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATES. (Name three persons, such as friends, schoolmates or colleagues, who know you well.)

NAME IN FULL	HOME ADDRESS	BUSINESS ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
		Detroit Free Press	5
		N.Y. Times	5
		Washington Post	4

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27. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A FULL FIELD OR BACKGROUND PERSONAL INVESTIGATION BY ANY AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT? YES NO. (If your answer is "Yes," show in item 28, (1) the name of the investigating agency (2) the approximate date of investigation, and (3) the level of security clearance granted, if known.)

28. SPACE FOR CONTINUING ANSWERS TO OTHER QUESTIONS. (Show item numbers to which answers apply. Attach a separate sheet if there is not enough space here.)

29. REPORT OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED. (This space reserved for FBI use.) DATE:

Before signing this form check back over it to make sure you have answered all questions fully and correctly.

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me on this form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

False statement on this form
is punishable by law.

January 27, 1972

(DATE)

(SIGNATURE—Sign original and first carbon copy)

INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BY AGENCY

INSTRUCTIONS TO AGENCY: See Federal Personnel Manual Chapter 736 and FPM: Supplement 296-31, Appendix A, for details on when this form is required and how it is used. If this is a request for investigation before appointment, insert "APPL" in the space for Date of Appointment and show information about the proposed appointment in the other spaces for appointment data. The original and the first carbon copy should be signed by the applicant or appointee. Submit the original and the unsigned carbon copy of the form, Standard Form 87 (Fingerprint Chart), and any investigative information about the person received on voucher forms or otherwise, to the United States Civil Service Commission, Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Washington, D.C., 20415. If this is a request for full field security investigation, submit these forms to the attention of the Division of Reimbursable Investigations; if this is a request for preappointment national agency checks, submit these forms to the attention of the Control Section.

RETAIN THE CARBON COPY OF STANDARD FORM 86 (SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT OR APPOINTEE) FOR YOUR FILES

DATE OF APPOINTMENT	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT <input type="checkbox"/> EXCEPTED <input type="checkbox"/> COMPETITIVE. (Include indefinite and temporary types of competitive appointments.)	CIVIL SERVICE REGULATION NUMBER OR OTHER APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY	TITLE OF POSITION AND GRADE OR SALARY
DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY	DUTY STATION	SEND RESULTS OF PREAPPOINTMENT CHECK TO:	
THIS IS A SENSITIVE POSITION (SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED AGENCY OFFICIAL)			

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cleveland *WVcs*

FROM : L. H. Martin *LM*

SUBJECT: KEN W. CLAWSON
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

DATE: 1/21/72

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My previous memo of 1/6/72 (attached) advised that the White House requested a limited check concerning Clawson, the Washington Post reporter who is well known to the Bureau. No open inquiries were to be conducted, but limited to check of Internal Revenue Service, Bureau files, and credit and arrest checks. This was done, and, in accordance with the Director's instructions, The White House was advised of Clawson's hostility toward the Bureau. Attached is file copy of letter to The White House dated 1/11/72.

An article in the Post this morning indicates that Clawson has resigned from the Washington Post to become Deputy Director of Communications for the Nixon Administration effective 2/7/72. It indicates he will work under Herbert G. Klein, Director of Communications for the Executive Branch.

The White House has today requested that we now conduct a full-field investigation concerning Clawson with no restrictions. Background data furnished indicates that Clawson, aged 35, is a native of Monroe, Michigan, and after completing high school in 1954, worked for a paper in Monroe until 1963. From 1963 to 1968 he was employed by the Toledo Blade, Toledo, Ohio, and from 1968 he has been employed by the Washington Post.

ACTION: The case has been ordered separately to the field for immediate attention, and you will be advised of any unusual developments. If approved, the Washington Field Office will be instructed to conduct appropriate investigation at the Washington Post concerning Clawson.

Encs. (2)

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Martin
- 1 - Mr. Young

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TO DIRECTOR (161-8537)

WASHINGTON FIELD (161-7987)

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FROM CLEVELAND (161-802) 2P

KENNETH WADE CLAWSON, AKA., SPIN.

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✓ MR. MARTIN
ROOM 1246

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RE BUREAU AIRTEL, JAN. TWENTYONE, SEVENTY TWO.
EMPLOYMENT VERIFIED AT TOLEDO BLADE NEWSPAPER. RECORDS
INDICATE APPLICANT RESIDED THREE TWO ZERO COLONIAL DRIVE,
MONROE, MICHIGAN, DURING EMPLOYMENT AT BLADE.

DURING TIME OF EMPLOYMENT WIFE WAS NANCY LEE CLAWSON.
INFORMATION DEVELOPED AT BLADE INDICATES NANCY LEE CLAWSON
COMMITTED SUICIDE WHILE RESIDING WITH APPLICANT IN VIRGINIA.

PRESENT WIFE IS [REDACTED] A FORMER BLADE
EMPLOYEE, WHO IS DAUGHTER OF [REDACTED] ONE
FOUR TWO FIVE BEDFORD STREET, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT.
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[REDACTED] LEFT EMPLOYMENT WITH BLADE ON JULY NINETEEN, SIXTY EIGHT TO TAKE EMPLOYMENT WITH NEWHOUSE NATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

APPLICANT'S IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR AT TOLEDO BLADE WAS

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[REDACTED] WHO IS [REDACTED] WASHINGTON BUREAU, ONE TWO EIGHT ZERO NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING, WASHINGTON FIELD.

WASHINGTON FIELD WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED] REGARDING APPLICANT.

ALEXANDRIA WILL DETERMINE DETAILS OF DEATH OF APPLICANT'S FORMER WIFE, [REDACTED] IN MCLEAN, VIRGINIA.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-8537)

CLEVELAND (161-802)

FROM DETROIT (161-1183) 2P

KENNETH WADE CLAWSON, AKA, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED JANUARY TWENTY-EIGHT, NEXT WITHOUT FAIL.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE, JANUARY TWENTY-ONE, LAST.

CHECK AT MONROE EVENING NEWS SHOWS CLAWSON WAS EMPLOYED FROM NINETEEN FORTY-NINE TO NINETEEN FIFTY-TWO AT MONROE RECREATION; FROM NINETEEN FIFTY-TWO TO NINETEEN FIFTY-FOUR AT GRUBERS FOOD MARKET; NINETEEN FIFTY-FOUR AT KNOWLTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, NO CITY GIVEN.

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PEOPLE CONTACTED AT MONROE, MICH., ADVISED CLAWSON HAD Z FEB 29 1972 SOME "SHADY CONTACTS" IN TOLEDO, OHIO, BUT ALL HAVE ADVISED THESE WERE APPARENTLY NEWSPAPER CONTACTS AND HE ASSOCIATED WITH THESE PEOPLE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN STORIES. PEOPLE NOT IDENTIFIED BUT ONE SOURCE ADVISED THEY WERE CONNECTED WITH LABOR MOVEMENT. GRUBERS FOOD MARKET RECORDS ARE CONTAINED AT SEAWAY FOOD TOWN, MAUMEE, OHIO. [REDACTED] TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

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NUMBER EIGHT NINE THREE NINE FOUR ZERO ONE. SOURCE AT MONROE ADVISED CLAWSON WAS EMPLOYED AT KNOWLTON CONTRUCTION DURING SUMMER OF NINETEEN FIFTY-FOUR AND COMPANY LOCATED AT BOWLING GREEN, OHIO. SOURCE ADVISED CLAWSON HAD FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP AT BOWLING GREEN, BUT APPARENTLY DEAL FELL THROUGH WHEN HE WAS MARRIED. CLAWSON'S WIFE WHO COMMITTED SUICIDE APPARENTLY WAS TREATED FOR MENTAL DISORDER AT ST. CHARLES HOSPITAL AT TOLEDO.

CLEVELAND AT MAUMEE AND BOWLING GREEN CHECK SEAWAY FOOD TOWN AND KNOWLTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. KEEP IN MIND CLAWSON APPARENTLY HAD SHADY CONTACTS IN TOLEDO AREA. ONE SOURCE ADVISED SCUTTLEBUTT TO EFFECT IN MONROE, MICH., THAT CLAWSON FOOLED AROUND WITH OTHER WOMEN AND THIS WAS A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO HIS WIFE'S SUICIDE.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-7987)

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 JANUARY TWENTYEIGHT NEXT, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED JANUARY TWENTYONE LAST,
 CAPTIONED ABOVE.

JOHN W. HUSHEN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, OFFICE OF
 ATTORNEY GENERAL, USDJ, ADVISED APPOINTEE HAS BEEN COVERING
 USDJ SINCE ABOUT MAY SEVENTY, FOR WASHINGTON POST. HUSHEN
 FURNISHED FOLLOWING RE APPOINTEE.

IN SEVENTY, WASHINGTON POST (WP) CARRIED ARTICLE BY
 APPOINTEE QUOTING ATTORNEY GENERAL MITCHELL AS SAYING THAT
 CITIZENS "MIGHT HAVE TO RESORT TO VIGILANTE TACTICS" TO COMBAT
 WIDESPREAD LAWLESSNESS IN THE NATION. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

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KLEINDIENST SUBSEQUENTLY WROTE TO WP AND POINTED OUT THEY HAD MISQUOTED MITCHELL. THE WP THEN PUBLICLY ADMITTED THE MISQUOTE AND EXPRESSED REGRET FOR ERROR IN THEIR NEWSPAPER. ON ANOTHER OCCASION IN CONNECTION WITH THEFT OF DOCUMENTS FROM FBI'S MEDIA, PENNSYLVANIA, OFFICE, USDJ OFFICIAL FURNISHED TWO ITEMS TO APPOINTEE ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS AND WHICH WERE NOT TO BE PUBLISHED. THESE ITEMS WERE SOON THEREAFTER PUBLISHED IN WP. ALSO, APPOINTEE ONCE HAD INTERVIEW WITH MITCHELL. AFTER THE INTERVIEW, APPOINTEE WENT TO AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL (AAG) IN USDJ AND STATED THAT MITCHELL SENT HIM TO BE BRIEFED ON A PARTICULAR SITUATION THEN UNDER SCRUTINY BY USDJ. THE AAG, WITHOUT FIRST VERIFYING THE REQUEST WITH MITCHELL, FURNISHED DATA TO APPOINTEE. IT WAS LATER DETERMINED THAT MITCHELL HAD NOT AUTHORIZED APPOINTEE TO INQUIRE INTO AND RECEIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THAT PARTICULAR MATTER.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, ALL OFFICES REQUESTED TO SECURE COMMENTS AND INFORMATION CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND HONESTY.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-7987)

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KENNETH WADE CLAWSON, ALSO KNOWN AS, KEN W.^A SPECIAL
INQUIRY, BUDED JANUARY TWENTYEIGHT NEXT WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED JANUARY TWENTYONE, SEVENTYTWO
CAPTIONED ABOVE.

RECORDS OF THE WASHINGTON POST, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
REFLECTED APPOINTEE LISTED ON FEBRUARY NINETEEN, SIXTYEIGHT
APPLICATION PERSONAL REFERENCES KENNETH MC CORMICK, MICHIGAN
GAS UTILITIES COMPANY, MONROE, MICHIGAN, AND [redacted]

SAME APPLICATION REFLECTS APPOINTEE ATTENDED WESTERN
MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN, DURING PERIOD
161-8537-17
NINETEEN FIFTYTWO THROUGH NINETEEN FIFTYSIX. NOT RECORDED

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RECORDS FURTHER REFLECT APPOINTEE'S ADDRESS FEBRUARY
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, THREE ZERO SIX TWO RIVER ROAD, TOLEDO,
OHIO AND MARCH NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ADDRESS, THREE ZERO THREE
TWO N STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C.

RECEIVING OFFICES CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

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 FROM: SAC, WFO (161-7987)

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED JANUARY TWENTYONE, SEVENTYTWO
 CAPTIONED ABOVE, NO CC PHILADELPHIA.

FOR INFORMATION PHILADELPHIA, BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED
 TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF CLAWSON AS HE HAS
 RESIGNED FROM POSITION AT "WASHINGTON POST" TO BECOME DEPUTY
 DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, WHITE HOUSE OFFICE, EFFECTIVE
 FEBRUARY SEVEN, NEXT.

RECORDS "WASHINGTON POST" REFLECTED FORMER SIXTYEIGHT
 RESIDENCE, THREE ZERO THREE TWO N STREET, N.W., WDC. INVESTI-
 GATION REVEALED RESIDENCE KNOWN AS THE "COLONY CLUB" ROOMING
 HOUSE IN SIXTYEIGHT. PROPERTY NOW OWNED BY FORMER GOVERNOR
 OF NEW YORK STATE W. AVERELL HARRIMAN. IN MARCH SIXTYEIGHT
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 APPOINTEE RESIDED ROOMING HOUSE WHEN OWNED BY [REDACTED]

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HUDSON NOW RESIDES THREE TWO FOUR NORTH FIFTH STREET, READING,
PENNSYLVANIA.

IT IS NOTED INVESTIGATION U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
REVEALED ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING APPOINTEE'S LACK OF HONESTY,
INTEGRITY, AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS.

PHILADELPHIA WILL EXPEDITE INTERVIEW WITH HUDSON CONCERNING
APPOINTEE'S RESIDENCE "COLONY CLUB" ROOMING HOUSE.

BUREAU ADVISED. P.

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TO DIRECTOR
FROM CINCINNATI 1P

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✓ MR. MARTIN
ROOM 126

KENNETH WADE CLAWSON, SI, BUDED JANUARY TWENTY EIGHT NEXT.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND CINCINNATI, JANUARY
TWENTY SIX INSTANT.

GEAHART A. "RED" ANGER, FOUR FOUR ZERO EAST RUTH STREET, SIDNEY,
OHIO, ADVISED HE WAS THE FORMER OWNER OF MONROE RECREATION CENTER,
MONROE, MICHIGAN, WHICH HE SOLD IN NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR AND MOVED TO
SIDNEY. MONROE BOWLING ALLEY HAD EIGHT LANES AND HE OPERATED ALLEY
ALONE. 161-8537-9
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HIS EMPLOYMENT RECORDS FROM MONROE RECREATION CENTER DESTROYED
AND HE WAS UNABLE TO RECALL APPOINTEE WHO WAS PROBABLY EMPLOYED AS
A PIN SETTER AS HE HAD NO SCORE KEEPERS. HE COULD ONLY SAY THAT IF
APPOINTEE WAS EMPLOYED FOR THREE YEARS, HE MUST HAVE BEEN A GOOD BOY
OR HE WOULD NOT HAVE EMPLOYED HIM FOR THAT LENGTH OF TIME.

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~~TO DIRECTOR (161-8537)~~

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FROM DETROIT (161-1183) 2P

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KENNETH WADE CLAWSON, AKA KEN W. CLAWSON, SPI, BUDED
JANUARY TWENTYEIGHT, SEVENTYTWO, WITHOUT FAIL.

Mr. Avery
Mr. Colland
Mr. Dandy
Mr. Bates
Mr. Walhart
Mr. Welkors
Mr. Soyers
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Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED JANUARY TWENTYONE, PAST; NO COPY
SENT CINCINNATI.

FOR INFO OF CINCINNATI OFFICE, BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF APPOINTEE. FIRST REPORTS, JANUARY TWENTYONE, PAST, INDICATED HE HAS RESIGNED FROM POSITION WITH WASHINGTON POST TO BECOME DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, WHITE HOUSE OFFICE, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY SEVEN, NEXT. APPOINTEE BORN AUGUST SIXTEEN, THIRTYSIX, AT MONROE, MICH. FROM FORTYNINE TO FIFTYTWO APPOINTEE EMPLOYED AT MONROE CREATION (BOWLING ALLEY) AS SCOREKEEPER.

ON JANUARY TWENTYFIVE, PAST,

, ADVISED MONROE RECREATION FROM FORTYNINE TO
FIFTYTWO WAS RUN BY A [REDACTED] KNOWN AS [REDACTED] RECORDED
LEFT THE BOWLING ALLEY IN FIFTYFOUR AND MOVED TO SIDNEY, OHIO FEB 29 1972
WHERE HE RUNS A BOWLING ALLEY NOW.

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CINCINNATI AT SIDNEY, OHIO: CONTACT [REDACTED] REGARDING
EMPLOYMENT OF CLAWSON.

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EMPLOYMENT OF CLAWSON.

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TO DIRECTOR (161-8537)
FROM CLEVELAND (161-802) 3P

KENNETH WADE CLAWSON, AKA., SPI, BUDED: JANUARY TWENTY -
EIGHT NEXT.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Miller, ES _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Casper _____
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Eas EMPLOYMENT VERIFIED WITH KNOWLTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY,
BOWLING GREEN, OHIO FROM JUNE TWENTYTWO FIFTYFOUR - JULY,
SIXTEEN FIFTYFOUR. CLAWSON LEFT DUE TO COMPLETION OF JOB
OR REDUCTION IN FORCE. ELIGIBLE FOR REHIRE.

RECORDS OF GRUBER MARKET'S EMPLOYEES MAINTAINED AT
FOOD TOWN, MAUMEE, OHIO, DATE BACK ONLY TO NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN.

CLAWSON USED AS "STRINGER" BY TOLEDO BLADE NEWSPAPER
IN MONROE, MICHIGAN FROM NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT AND FINALLY
HIRED AS A REPORTER BY BLADE IN OCTOBER NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE.

CLAWSON WORKED AS REPORTER, ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR AND LABOR
EDITOR UNTIL FEBRUARY NINE SIXTYEIGHT WHEN HE LEFT BLADE TO
WORK FOR WASHINGTON POST.

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CLAWSON AWAY FROM BLADE ON NIEMAN FELLOWSHIP AT
HARVARD FROM AUGUST NINE SIXTYSIX - JUNE TWELVE SIXTYSEVEN.
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CLAWSON CONSIDERED AS A HIGHLY, COMPETENT, ENERGETIC, ETHICAL NEWSPAPER MAN BY BLADE EXECUTIVE EDITOR, STAFF PRINTER AND FELLOW REPORTER. CLAWSON, WHILE LABOR EDITOR AT BLADE, ASSOCIATED CLOSELY WITH LABOR AND UNION LEADERS IN TOLEDO, OHIO. NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED CONCERNING ANY DISREPUTABLE ASSOCIATES IN TOLEDO. CLAWSON RECOMMENDED BY ABOVE INDIVIDUALS FOR DESIRED POSITION.

CLAWSON'S PRESENT WIFE, [REDACTED] ALSO EMPLOYED AS REPORTER AT BLADE DURING TIME CLAWSON WORKED AT THE BLADE.

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FELLOW REPORTER ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH CLAWSON NEVER TOLD HIM, HE WAS SURE CLAWSON WAS HAVING AN AFFAIR WITH [REDACTED] (PRESENT WIFE) WHILE FIRST WIFE STILL ALIVE. REPORTER STATED CLAWSON NOT THE TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD HAVE A "LIBRARY" ACQUAINTANCESHIP WITH ANY WOMAN. REPORTER ADVISED HE DID NOT NECESSARILY CONNECT WIFE'S SUICIDE TO THIS AFFAIR. NEIGHBORHOOD CONDUCTED AND FAVORABLE. CLAWSON'S FIRST WIFE ATTEMPTED TO COMMIT SUICIDE IN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT WHILE RESIDING IN TOLEDO.

RECORDS, ST. CHARLES HOSPITAL, TOLEDO, INDICATED FIRST WIFE HOSPITALIZED FROM APRIL TWENTYONE SIXTYSIX - MAY FOURTEEN SIXTYSIX AND AGAIN FROM MAY TWENTYSIX SIXTYEIGHT - MAY TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT AND NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM RECORDS.
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CREDIT AND ARREST CHECKS NEGATIVE BOWLING GREEN, OHIO.

CLAWSON KNOWN TO TOLEDO, OHIO CREDIT BUREAU. NO SUITS,
COLLECTIONS OR JUDGMENTS ON FILE.

CLAWSON CITED FOR SPEEDING BY TOLEDO PD JANUARY TWENTYONE
SIXTYFIVE AND CITATION DISMISSED FEBRUARY NINE SIXTYFIVE.

NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED UACB.

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MR. MARTIN
ROOM 1246

KENNETH WADE CLAWSON, AKA KEN W. CLAWSON, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

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RE BUTEL JANUARY TWENTYONE SEVENTYTWO, TWO WFO
TELETYPE JANUARY TWENTYFIVE SEVENTYTWO, AND BOSTON
TELETYPE JANUARY SEVEN SEVENTYTWO.

INVESTIGATION AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY, WAS CONDUCTED BY
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ON JANUARY TWENTYSIX SEVENTYTWO, [redacted]

HARVARD UNIVERSITY ALUMNI RECORDS OFFICE, CAMBRIDGE,
MASS. ADVISED THEIR FILES REFLECTED THE APPOINTEE AS
KEN W. CLAWSON, BORN AUGUST SIXTEEN THIRTYFOUR AT MONROE,
MICHIGAN, ATTENDED HARVARD UNIVERSITY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR
NINETEEN SIXTYSIX TO SIXTYSEVEN AS A MEMBER OF THE NIEMAN
FELLOWS PROGRAM. HIS HOME ADDRESS WAS SIX SIX ONE ONE MAUGH RD.,
MCLEAN VA., AND HIS LOCAL ADDRESS WAS ONE THREE TWO BARTLETT
AVE., BELMONT, MASS.

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ON JANUARY TWENTYSIX SEVENTYTWO [REDACTED] (NOT SERGEANT)
DIRECTOR OF THE NIEMAN FOUNDATION, HARVARD UNIVERSITY,
FORTYEIGHT TROWBRIDGE ST., CAMBRIDGE, MASS. ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN
THE APPOINTEE SINCE MID SIXTYSIX WHEN HE INTERVIEWED HIM
AND VOTED FOR HIS SELECTION TO BE A NIEMAN FELLOW.
HE STATED HE BECAME WELL ACQUAINTED WITH HIM AT
HARVARD AND HAS CONTINUED OCCASIONAL CONTACT AND VISITS
WITH THE APPOINTEE SINCE SIXTYSEVEN WHEN APPOINTEE COMPLETED
THE NIEMAN PROGRAM.

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[REDACTED] STATED THE APPOINTEE IS COMPETITIVE,
INTELLIGENT, AND THOROUGHLY DECENT AND HONEST. HE ADVISED THE
APPOINTEE WAS A MAN OF INTEGRITY WHOSE PROFESSIONAL
ETHICS ARE ABOVE QUESTION. HE ADVISED THAT HIS KNOWLEDGE
OF THE APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, MORALS, REPUTATION, AND
ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY HAS ALWAYS BEEN HIGHLY FAVORABLE.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WOULD NOT HESITATE
TO SELECT THE APPOINTEE AS HIS OWN ASSISTANT AND WISHED
TO STRESS HIS HIGH OPINION OF THE APPOINTEE'S INTEGRITY.
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[REDACTED] RECOMMENDED THE APPOINTEE

WITHOUT QUALIFICATION FOR A RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT
POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

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ARREST

ON JANUARY TWENTYSIX SEVENTYTWO, FILES OF THE
CAMBRIDGE, MASS. PD CONTAINED NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH
KENNETH WADE CLAWSON OR KEN W. CLAWSON.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM DETROIT (161-1183)

KENNETH WADE CLAWSON, AKA KEN W. CLAWSON, SPI, BUDED
JANUARY TWENTYEIGHT, SEVENTYTWO, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO, JANUARY TWENTYONE, PAST;

WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JANUARY TWENTYFIVE, PAST; WFO TELETYPE
TO BUREAU, JANUARY TWENTYFIVE, PAST AND DETROIT TELETYPE TO BUREAU,
JANUARY TWENTYSIX, PAST.

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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SA [redacted]

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[redacted] MONROE HIGH SCHOOL,
MONROE, MICH., ADVISED ON JANUARY TWENTYFOUR, PAST, KENNETH WADE
CLAWSON, BORN AUGUST SIXTEEN, THIRTYSIX, ATTENDED THIS SCHOOL
FROM SEPTEMBER, FIFTY TO JUNE FIFTYFOUR. HE GRADUATE WITH A
COLLEGE PREPARATORY DIPLOMA AND HAD AN AVERAGE OF THREE POINT
ONE THREE ZERO OUT OF A POSSIBLE FOUR POINT ZERO.

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APPOINTEE WAS RANKED SIXTYFIVE OUT OF A CLASS OF THREE ZERO
TWO AND ACCORDING TO [redacted] NEVER HAD ANY DISCIPLINARY
ACTION TAKEN AGAINST HIM.

ON JANUARY TWENTYFOURN, PAST [redacted]
MONROE HIGH SCHOOL, ADVISED HE RECALLED APPOINTEE AS HE, [redacted]
[redacted] WHEN APPOINTEE WAS AT THIS SCHOOL. HE
ADVISED HE THOUGHT VERY HIGHLY OF APPOINTEE AND WOULD RECOMMEND
HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT. HE NOTED HE
WAS A MAN OF GOODCHARACTER, LOYAL TO THE U.S.
AND THE PEOPLE HE ASSOCIATED WITH WERE ALSO.

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APPOINTEE'S ABILITY SHOWN BY MARKS HE RECEIVED IN SCHOOL.

ON JANUARY TWENTYFOUR, PAST, [REDACTED] MONROE HIGH SCHOOL, ADVISED HE RECALLED APPOINTEE QUITE CLEARLY FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND ALSO KNEW HIM AS A REPORTER FOR THE MONROE EVENING NEWS, WHO SOMETIMES WOULD COVER COMMISSION HEARINGS WHEN HE, [REDACTED] WAS A [REDACTED] HE FOUND APPOINTEE TO BE AN ABLE REPORTER, A VERY INTELLIGENT INDIVIDUAL WHO DID A REPOSNSIBLE AND FAIR JOB OF REPORTING THE COMMISSION ACTIVITIES.

HE NOTED APPOINTEE WAS GOOD STUDENT, MAN OF GOOD CHARACTER, LOYAL AMERICAN AND HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE GOVERNMENT. HE DID NOT KNOW APPOINTEE'S ASSOCIATES.

[REDACTED] MONROE HIGH SCHOOL, ADVISED ON JANUARY TWENTYFOUR, PAST, SHE DID NOT RECALL APPOINTEE FROM SCHOOL BUT KNEW HIM AS A NEIGHBOR WHEN HE RESIDED AT COLONIAL ESTATES. SHE STATED AT THAT TIME HE WAS A POLICE REPORTER FOR MONROE EVENING NEWS AND ASSOCIATED MAINLY WITH POLICEMEN. SHE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS MAN OF GOOD CHARACTER, VERY LOYAL TO THE U.S. AND DEPENDABLE. SHE RECOMMENDED HIM FOR POSITION SOUGHT.
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FOLLOWING PEOPLE AT THE MONROE EVENING NEWS, TWENTY WEST FIRST ST., MONROE, MICH., WERE CONTACTED ON JANUARY TWENTYFOUR, PAST:

[REDACTED] ADVISED

APPOINTEE WAS EMPLOYED AT THE PAPER FROM SEPTEMBER, FIFTYFOUR TO OCTOBER, SIXTYTHREE. DURING THIS PERIOD, HE SERVED IN VARIOUS CAPACTIES INCLUDING EDITORIAL DEPT., CLASSIFIED ADS AND AS A POLICE AND CITY COMMISSION REPORTER.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST ANDNOTED APPOINTEE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN, PERSON OF GOOD CHARACTER AND MORALS, AND AN EXTREMELY HARD WORKING INDIVIDUAL, VERY ABLE INHIS FIELD AND AS FARAS HE KNEW THE PEOPLE HE ASSOCIATED WITH WERE ALSO. HE ADVISED HE WOULD LOCATE APPOINTEE'S APPLICATION.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED CLAWSON HAD CALLED HIM SATURDAY MORNING TO ADVISE HIM OF HIS GETTING THE JOB WITH THE GOVERNMENT. HE ADVISED HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND APPOINTEE ADDING HE WAS A VERY GOOD REPORTER, EXTREMELY HARD

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WORKING, A LOYAL CITIZEN, A MAN OF GOOD CHARACTER AND THE
PEOPLE HE ASSOCIATED WITH WERE TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE OF
THE SAME HIGH CALIBER.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED HE WOULD RECOMMEND
APPOINTEE STATING HE WAS A VERY DILIGENT WORKER, LOYAL AND
PATRIOTIC TO THE U.S. AND A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER WHO DID
AN ABLE JOB OF POLICE REPORTING AND WRITING OF THE MONROE CITY
COMMISSION. APPOINTEE'S ASSOCIATED WERE, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PEOPLE OF THE SAME TYPE. HE DID HEAR APPOINTEE
ASSOCIATED WITH UNSAVORY CHARACTER IN TOLEDO, OHIO, BUT THIS
WAS STRICTLY DUE TO NATURE OF WORK.

[REDACTED] SUPRA, ADVISED APPOINTEE IN FIFTYFOUR RESIDED
AT SEVEN TWO SIX W. SIXTH ST., MONROE, MICH., WAS MARRIED AND
HAD TWO DEPENDANTS. HE WAS EMPLOYED AT MONROE RECREATION FROM
FORTYNINE TO FIFTYTWO AND WAS EMPLOYED AT GOUBERS FOOD MARKET
FROM FIFTY TWO TO FIFTYFOUR. IN FIFTYFOUR, HE WAS EMPLOYED AT
KNOWTTON CONSTRUCTION CO., (NO LOCATION GIVEN). HE ADVISED
APPOINTEE'S PARENTS, JOHSIE AND LESSAS, RESIDED AT THREE TWO
NINE S. ROESSLER, MONROE, MICH.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED

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APPOINTEE WAS VERY AMBITIOUS INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS ALSO VERY COMPETENT. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE FOR POSITION OF TRUST STATING DURING THE TIME HE KNEW APPOINTEE, WHICH WAS THE TIME APPOINTEE WAS IN MONROE, APPOINTEE WAS MAN OF GOOD CHARACTER, LOYOLTY AND HIS ASSOCIATES WERE OF SAME HIGH CALIBER.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED HE WOULD

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RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OFF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT. HE STAHED HE IS, AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, A LOYAL CITIZEN. HE SAID HE COULD NOT REALLY STATE WHETHER OR NOT APPOINTEE IS A MAN OF GOOD CHARACTER BECAUSE HE HAD HEARD RUMOR OR "SCUTTLEBUTT" TO THE EFFECT BECAUSE CLAWSON FOOLED AROUND WITH OTHER WOMEN, THIS WAS A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO HIS WIFE'S SUICIDE.

[REDACTED] STATEDXUUJFNKO HE DOES NOT KNOW THE SOURCE OF THESE RUMORS BUT NOTED HE LIVED FAIRLY CLOSE TO APPOINTEE WHEN HE LIVED AT THREE TWO ZERO COLONIAL DRIVE, MONROE, AND THIS APPARENTLY IS WHAT SOME PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD FELT. HE NOTED A [REDACTED] THREE TWO THREE COLONIAL DR., WOULD HAVE KNOWN THE CLAWSONS. HE SAID APPOINTEE WAS A

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COMPETENT EMPLOYEE AND, ALSO, AN HONEST ONE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THERE WAS NO

QUESTION AS TO APPOINTEE'S PATRIOTISM NOR HIS ABILITY.

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HE NOTED HE WOULD GIVE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF HIMSELF TO HIS JOB
AND ALWAYS HAS. APPOINTEE IS TREMENDOUSLY AMBITIOUS WITH A
"LOT ON THE BALL". APPOINTEE HAS MADE THE STATEMENT HE WOULD
CLIMB OVER ANYONE TO GET AHEAD. [REDACTED]

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APPOINTEE AND THEIR FAMILIES WOULD VACATION TOGETHER AND DID
SO FOR ABOUT FIVE YEARS. HE NOTED APPOINTEE'S WIFE DID NOT
FINISH HIGH SCHOOL ~~AND ALWAYS~~ AND ALWAYS FELT INADEQUATE AND UNWORTHY
OF HER HUSBAND. SHE HAD BEEN FROM A BROKEN HOME AND COULD NOT COPE
WITH ALL HER RESPONSIBILITIES. APPOINTEE COULD NOT HELP HER.

[REDACTED], NOTING HE IS A LAYMAN, COMMENTED THAT APPOINTEE'S WIFE
NEEDED REASSURANCE AND SOME EGO BUILDING AND THAT APPOINTEE
TREATED HER MORE LIKE A CHILD.

HE ADVISED HE WAS VERY CLOSE TO APPOINTEE AND NEVER HEARD
APPOINTEE WAS INVOLVED WITH ANY OTHER WOMAN.

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[REDACTED] STATED APPOINTEE WAS THE "BEST LEG" MAN HE HAD EVER MET. HE STATED THIS WAS FACT, THAT APPOINTEE COULD ALWAYS "GET THE STORY".

HE STATED APPOINTEE HAD SOME KIND OF FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP TO BOWLING GREEN AND THAT HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH KNOWLTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WAS IN BOWLING GREEN, OHIO.

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BECAUSE HE GOT MARRIED, HE DID NOT GO TO SCHOOL AND CAME TO WORK FOR THE MONROE EVENING NEWS FROM THE KNOWLTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. HE FELT THIS WAS JUST A SUMMER JOB.

[REDACTED] ADVISED APPOINTEE'S PARENTS RESID AT THREE TWO NINE ROESSLER ST., MONROE, MICH., AND ENJOY A FINE REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY. HE ADVISED OTHER THAN HIGH SCHOOL AND THE NIEMAN SCHOLARSHIP AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY, APPOINTEE ATTENDED NO OTHER SCHOOLS.

[REDACTED] ADVISED ON JANUARY TWENTYFIVE, PAST, HE WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT NOTING APPOINTEE WAS A VERY GOOD REPORTER, A LOYAL CITIZEN, A MAN OF GOOD CHARACTER AND AS FAR AS HE KNEW HIS ASSOCIATES WERE ALSO.

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[REDACTED] STATED HE HATED TO SEE APPOINTEE LEAVE THE PAPER.

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MICHIGAN GAS UTILITIES COMPANY, ADVISED ON JANUARY TWENTYSIX PAST, HE WOULD RECOMMEND CLAWSON FOR A POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY WITH THIS U.S. GOVERNMENT. HE ADVISED HE HIMSELF WAS A NIEMAN FELLOW AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND ALL AGREED AT THAT TIME TO RECOMMEND NO ONE IN THE FUTURE UNLESS THEY WERE FAR ABOVE AVERAGE. HE NOTED CLAWSON WAS THE ONLY ONE HE EVER RECOMMENDED FOR THIS AWARD. HE DESCRIBED CLAWSON AS A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND A VERY LOYAL AMERICAN. HE NOTED AS TO ASSOCIATES, HE HIMSELF HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE FREE PRESS (A DETROIT NEWS PAPER) FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS AND HE ASSOCIATED WITH PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. HE FELT CLAWSON HAS ASSOCIATED WITH MANY INDIVIDUALS FROM ALL FACETS OF SOCIETY AND WOULD HAVE TO HAVE MANY CONTACTS IN ORDER TO PERFORM HIS JOB AS A REPORTER.

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ASSOCIATES

[REDACTED] MONROE, MICH., ADVISED ON

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JANUARY TWENTYFOUR, PAST, HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR A GOOD MANY YEARS AND HAS ALWAYS FOUND HIM TO BE AN EXTREMELY CAPABLE MAN, A LOYAL AMERICAN, A MAN OF GOOD CHARACTER AND HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT. HE STATED APPOINTEE'S ASSOCIATES WERE, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, MEN OF THE SAME HIGH CALIBER AS APPOINTEE.

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[REDACTED] MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,

MONROE, MICH., ADVISED ON JNUARY TWENTYFOUR, PAST, HE KNEW APPOINTEE QUITE WELL WHILE HE WAS A POLICE REPORTER AND ALWAYS FOUND APPOINTEE TO BE A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN, OF HIGH MORAL CHARACTER, A VERY "SHARP" INDIVIDUAL AND HIS ASSOCIATES WERE OF THE SAME TYPE ALSO. HE THOUGHT HIGHLY OF APPOINTEE AND RECOMMENDED HIM FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFERENCE.

[REDACTED] MONROE POLICE DEPT., ADVISED ON

SAME DATE HE KNEW APPOINTEE WHILE EMPLOYED BY MONROE EVENING NEWS. HE FOUND APPOINTEE TO BE A MAN OF GOOD CHARACTER, A PATRIOTIC CITIZEN AND NOTED HE SEEMED TO BE A VERY CAPABLE MAN.

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HE ADVISED WHEN APPOINTEE WENT TO WORK FOR TELODO BLADE. HE HEARD DIFFERENT TIMES HE WAS IN COMPANY OF SOME TOLEDO HOODLUMS BUT FELT APPOINTEE WOULD HAVE TO SEE THESE INDIVIDUALS TO "GET THE STORY". HE NOTED APPOINTEE WAS A LABOR REPORTER IN TOLEDO AND FELT ANY ASSOCIATES THERE WERE FOR BUSINESS REASONS AND NOT PERSONAL.

[REDACTED] MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ADVISED ON SAME DATE HE KNEW APPOINTEE VERY WELL WHILE APPOINTEE WAS EMPLOYED ON THE MONROE EVENING NEWS. HE ADVISED APPOINTEE WAS A MAN OF GOOD CHARACTER, A PATRIOTIC CITIZEN AND A VERY COMPETENT AND INTELLIGENT INDIVIDUAL.

HE ADVISED HE ALSO WAS A "REGULAR GUY", WHO WOULD HAVE A FEW DRINKS WITH THE BOYS AND WAS ALWAYS VERY COOPERATIVE WITH HIS DEPARTMENT.

HE RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE FOR THE POSITION HE IS SEEKING AND NOTED APPOINTEE WAS THE TYPE OF REPORTER WHO WAS ALWAYS TRYING TO GET A STORY. HE FEELS BECAUSE OF THIS WHEN HE WENT TO TOLEDO, OHIO, HE KNEW A LOT OF UNSAVORY PEOPLE BUT HE,

[REDACTED] FEELS HE KNEW THESE PEOPLE ONLY AS A MEANS TO

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OBTAINT A POSSIBLE STORY AND THEY WERE NOT HIS PERSONAL ASSOCIATES

A RETIRED POLICEMAN FROM THE MONROE POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISED ON JANUARY TWENTYFOUR, PAST, HE DOES NOT RECALL THE TIME HE WARNED CLAWSON REGARDING STEALING. HE NOTED IT MUST HAVE BEEN VERY MINOR AS HE HAS NO IDEA NOW AS TO WHAT IT INVOLVED. HE NOTED THE ADDRESS SHOULD HAVE BEEN THREE TWO NINE ROESSLER.

[REDACTED] STATED HE SUBSEQUENTLY KNEW APPOINTEE AS A POLICE REPORTER AND FOUND HIM TO BE HONEST AND CAPABLE. HE NOTED APPOINTEE WAS JUST A YOUTH WHEN HE WARNED APPOINTEE. HE ADDED THAT IN THOSE DAYS, THE POLICEMAN ON THE BEAT WOULD OFTEN HANDLE SUCH PROBLEMS THEMSELVES. HE RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE.

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ON JANUARY TWENTYFIVE, PAST, [REDACTED] FOUR TWO FIVE ST. MARY'S, MONROE, MICH., ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE DURING THE COMPLETE TIME HE WAS IN MONROE AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND RESPONSIBILITY. HE STATED APPOINTEE WAS A MAN OF GOOD MORALS, LOYAL TO THE COUNTRY, VERY COMPETENT IN HIS FIELD AND HIS ASSOCIATES WERE, AS FAR AS HE KNEW, OF THE SAME CALIBER.

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CREDIT

[REDACTED] CREDIT BUREAU OF MONROE, MICH.,

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ADVISED ON JANUARY TWENTYFOUR, PAST, FILES SHOW A REPORT COMPILED BY CREDIT BUREAU OF MONROE FOR CREDIT BUREAU OF TOLEDO ON MAY ELEVEN, SIXTYONE. REPORT STATED KEN W. CLAWSON, WIFE NANCY, RESIDING AT THREE TWO COLONIAL, MONROE ,MICH., HAD BEEN ON FILE SINCE FIFTY FOUR. HE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE MONROE EVENING NEWS AND HAD BEEN SINCE FIFTYFOUR. THERE WERE NOSUITS, GARNISHMENTS OR COLLECTIONS AND ACCORDING TO THE REPORT " NO DETRIMENTAL INFORMATION IN MONROE FILES".

A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING IN FILE, DATED JUNE FOURTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, REPORTED THE DEATH OF MRS. KENNETH W.(NANCY LEE HENNEMAN) CLAWSON WHO WAS FOUND DEAD IN GARAGE OF FAMILY HOME AT SIX SIX ONE ONE MAUGH ROAD, MC LEAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

FAIRFAX COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER RULED DEATH AS SUICIDE.

SHE WAS SURVIVED BY HUSBAND, TWOSONS, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HER PARENTS AND SEVERAL BROTHERS AND

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SISTERS.

A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE IN FILE DATED APRIL ONE, SIXTYNINE,
REPORTED THE MARRIAGE OF CAROL ANN DAVID OF ARLINGTON, VA.,
TO KEN W. CLAWSON OF MC CLEAN, VA., IN NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. ON
MARCH SIXTEEN, SIXTYNINE. ARTICLE ADVISED CLAWSON IS
CONGRESSIONAL EDITOR OF THE WASHINGTON POST AND HIS WIFE IS
~~WASHINGTON~~ CORRESPONDENT FOR THE NEW HOUSE NATIONAL NEWS ~~SERVICE~~

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[REDACTED] MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S

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OFFICE, ADVISED ON JANUARY TWENTYFOUR, PAST, NO RECORD LOCATED
IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPLICANT OR HIS PARENTS IN HER FILES.

[REDACTED] MONROE POLICE DEPT., ADVISED ON
SAME DATE HER FILES REFLECT A JOHNSIE DAVID CLAWSON RESIDING
AT THREE TWO NINE S. ROESSLER, MONROE, MICH., BORN OCTOBER
TWENTYFOUR, NINETEEN TWELVE, CITED APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYSIX
FOR FAILURE TO STOP WITHIN ASSURED CLEAR DISTANCE AHEAD. ON MAY TWO,
SIXTYSIX, HE PLED GUILTY AND WAS FINED FIFTEEN DOLLARS
AND ASSESSED COSTS OF FOUR DOLLARS AND TENCENTS.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED KENNETH CLAWSON, FATHER JOHN, EIGHT TWO NINE S. ROESSLER, "WAS WARNED" ON NOVEMBER TWENTYONE, FORTY NINE REGARDING STEALING AND WAS RELEASED. SHE ADVISED THERE WERE NO OTHER RECORDS AVAILABLE. THE POLICE OFFICER IN THIS CASE WAS A PATROLMAN SHEETS WHO HAS SINCE RETIRED.

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SHE ADVISED SHE BELIEVED THE ADDRESS EIGHT TWO NINE S. ROESSLER WAS AN ERROR AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN THREE TWONINE S. ROESSLER.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

[REDACTED] THREE TWO THREE COLONIAL

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DRIVE, MONROE, MICHIGAN, ADVISED JANUARY TWENTY FIVE, LAST, SHE KNEW THE CLAWSON QUITE WELL AND WAS VERY FOND OF CLAWSON'S FIRST WIFE. SHE STATED SHE FRANKLY DID NOT LIKE CLAWSON. SHE ADVISED YEARS AGO A GROUP OF MEN CAME TO HER HOME FOR A PARTY AND AS IT WAS A STAG AFFAIR, SHE WENT TO HER ROOM. SHE DID NOT GO TO SLEEP RIGHT AWAY AND HEARD CLAWSON, WHO HAD BEEN DRINKING, BRAGGING ABOUT HIS SEXUAL EXPLOITS WITH WOMEN. SHE STATED IT WAS RUMORED THAT HIS PRESENT WIFE "WAS WAITING IN THE WINGS" WHILE HE WAS MARRIED TO NANCY, HIS FIRST WIFE. SHE STATED SHE DOES NOT KNOW THIS TO BE TRUE BUT ADVISED SHE DID KNOW THAT HIS PRESENT WIFE WORKED WITH CLAWSON ON THE "TOLEDO BLADE". SHE STATED THE ONLY OTHER PERSON TO HER KNOWLEDGE STILL LIVING IN COLONIAL ESTATES WOULD BE [REDACTED]

SHE STATED CLAWSON WAS TO HER KNOWLEDGE A LOYAL AMERICAN AND A VERY INTELLIGENT MAN BUT BECAUSE OF HIS COMMENTS ABOUT HIS SEXUAL EXPLOITS SHE COULD NOT RECOMMEND HIM.
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[REDACTED] THREE ONE FOUR COLONIAL DRIVE, MONROE,
MICHIGAN, ADVISED JANUARY TWENTY FIVE, LAST, SHE KNEW THE
CLAWSONS QUITE WELL WHEN THEY RESIDED AT THREE TWO ZERO
COLONIAL DRIVE, SHE STATED THEY LIVED AT THAT ADDRESS FROM
ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTY NINE TO NINETEEN SIXTY SIX WHEN HE GOT
A NIEMAN FELLOWSHIP AND TOOK HIS FAMILY TO MASSACHUSETTS.
SHE ADVISED SHE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR POSITION OF TRUST
WITH THE GOVERNMENT. HE IS A ^A MN OF GOOD CHARACTER AND A
LOYAL AMERICAN AND THE PEOPLE WHOM HE ASSOCIATES WITH WERE TO
HER KNOWLEDGE PEOPLE HE MET IN PERFORMANCE OF HIS NEWSPAPER
DUTIES. SHE HEARD RUMORS TO THE EFFECT HE RAN AROUND WITH
WOMEN, NO ONE WOMAN IN PARTICULAR. SHE STATED SHE HAD NO
REASON TO BELIEVE THESE WERE OTHER THAN RUMORS AND SHE
PLACED NO CREDENCE IN THEM. SHE STATED AS FAR AS SHE WAS
CONCERNED, CLAWSON WAS A GOOD FATHER AND HUSBAND. HIS WIFE,
WHO HAD COMMITTED SUICIDE, HAD HAD A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN AND
WAS TREATED AT ST. CHARLES HOSPITAL IN TOLEDO, OHIO. SHE
WAS QUITE CLOSE TO CLAWSON'S FIRST WIFE AND SHE NEVER MENTIONED
THEIR PRIVATE LIVES. SHE ADVISED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KNEW CLAWSON QUITE WELL.

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[REDACTED] AT MONROE, MICHIGAN., ADVISED JANUARY TWENTY SIX, LAST, HE FOUND CLAWSON TO BE HONEST AND FAIR IN HIS REPORTING OF CRIME IN MONROE, MICHIGAN, WHILE HE WAS POLICE CHIEF. HE DID FEEL THAT CLAWSON WOULD USE ANYBODY TO GET AHEAD. HE WAS VERY AMBITIOUS AND OFTEN STATED HE WOULD SOMEDAY WORK FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES. [REDACTED] STATED HE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING WHICH WOULD CAST ANY DOUBTS AS TO CLAWSON'S LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES. HE WAS ON A FIRST NAME BASIS WITH "CHALKY RED" LEONARD, A TOLEDO AREA HOODLUM BUT CLAWSON WOULD ASSOCIATE WITH ANYONE TO GET A STORY. HE AND HEARD RUMORS TO THE EFFECT CLAWSON'S SECOND WIFE LEFT TOLEDO SHORTLY AFTER HE DID. ALL THIS CAME BACK TO MONROE AFTER HIS FIRST WIFE'S SUICIDE AND THE RUMORS IMPLIED THAT HIS FIRST'S SUICIDE GREW OUT OF HIS RELATIONS WITH THE WOMAN WHO BECAME HIS SECOND WIFE. HE STATED THESE ARE STRICTLY RUMORS AND HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR SOURCE OR ACCURACY.

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HE STATED THAT WHILE CLAWSON WAS WORKING AS A POLICE REPORTER HE WOULD BRING SUPPOSEDLY CONFIDENTIAL NEWS BITS FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND [] FELT CLAWSON WAS PROBABLY BRINGING NEW BITS FROM HIS OFFICE TO THE MAYOR. [] FELT SURE THAT ANYTHING CLAWSON DID IN MONROE WAS TO FURTHER HIS CAREER AS A NEWSPAPER MAN AND BASICALLY HE WAS TRYING TO OBTAIN STORIES. HE ALSO ADVISED CLAWSON AND HIS WIFE ALLEGEDLY SPENT FREE WEEKENDS AT THE ACU-ACU CLUB IN TOLEDO, OHIO, WHICH WAS THEN RUN BY AN IRVING "SLICK" SHAPIRO, A HOODLUM, AND THE CLUB WAS A HOODLUM HANGOUT.

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[] MONROE, MICHIGAN, POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISED JANUARY TWENTYSIX, LASTIX ADVISED HE KNEW CLAWSON QUITE WELL DURING THE TIME HE WAS ON THE MONROE "EVENING NEWS", CLAWSON HAD MANY CONTACTS IN THE TOLEDO AREA AND ON ONE OLFSION [] WANTED [] TO GO WITH HIM TO TOLEDO TO MEET THE "MADIA". PAETER FELT THAT CLAWSON ASSOCIATING WITH THEM IN ANY OTHER WAY. CLAWSON ACCORDING TO [] WAS RUMORED TO BE A

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LADIES MAN AND [REDACTED] ADVISED IT WAS RUMORED THAT THIS b7C
WAS A FACTOR IN HIS WIFE'S SUICIDE. HE STATED CLAWSON WAS b6
A LAW ABIDING CITIZEN, WAS SKILLED IN HIS JOB, AND OTHER THAN THE b7C
FACT HE WAS A LADIES MAN HE WOULD HAVE NO HESITATION IN b6
RECOMMENDING HIM FOR POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] DSC, KRASCE BUILDING, MONROE, MICHIGAN.,
ADVISED JANUARY TWENTY SIX, LAST, DURING THE TIME CLAWSON WAS
POLICE REPORTER HE WAS [REDACTED]. HE ADVISED CLAWSON
ALWAYS RESPECTED HIS CONFIDENCES AND ON OCCASION [REDACTED] GAVE
HIM SOME CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND ON EACH OCCASION CLAWSON
MAINTAINED HIS CONFIDENCE. HE STATED SOMETIMES CLAWSON WOULD
GIVE HIM INSIDE INFORMATION AND KNEW THEY COULD RELY ON EACH
OTHER. [REDACTED] ADVISED CLAWSON IS A LOYAL AMERICAN, A MAN OF
GOOD CHARACTER, AND HE WOULD RECOMMENDED HIM FOR THE POSITION OF
TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT NOTING HE HAD A GREAT DEAL OF ABILITY.
HE STATED HE ASSOCIATE IN TOLEDO, OHIO, WITH PEOPLE OF
UNSAVORY CHARACTER BUT THIS [REDACTED] FELT WAS NOT BECAUSE HE
WANTED TO BUT BECAUSE OF HIS PROFESSIONAL DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS.
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THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AT KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN.

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ON JANUARY TWENTYSEVEN, INSTANT, [REDACTED] RECORDS CLERK, WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY (WMU), KALAMAZOO, ADVISED ACADEMIC RECORDS AS WELL AS ENROLLMENT RECORD FOR THE PERIOD FIFTYTWO THRU FIFTYSIX WERE SEARCHED AND NO LISTING LOCATED FOR APPOINTEE.

ON SAME DATE, [REDACTED] KALAMAZOO POLICE DEPARTMENT, b7C ADVISED SHE COULD NOT LOCATE NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE. b6

ON SAME DATE, MATRON, MATRON [REDACTED], KALAMAZOO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ADVISED HER RECORDS MAKE NO MENTION OF APPOINTEE.

ON THE SAME DATE, [REDACTED] MANAGER, KALAMAZOO, CREDIT BUREAU, INC., ADVISED SHE COULD LOCATE NO RECORD FOR APPOINTEE.

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The Washington Post
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Washington, D. C.

[redacted] The Washington Post, was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] on 1/26/72. [redacted] advised he only knew KENNETH WADE CLAWSON casually until the time he hired the appointee in March, 1968. Prior to CLAWSON being offered the position of Assistant National Editor at The Washington Post, he was subjected to the newspaper's own personnel investigation. [redacted]

[redacted] stated his initial opinion of the appointee was one of high regard, evaluating him as a dedicated professional journalist. He presently considers appointee to be "the straightest, fairest, hardest working newspaperman I [redacted] ever met".

[redacted] defined "straight" as meaning CLAWSON reports exactly what the facts reveal. He does not flavor or exaggerate his stories, and keeps them from any biased or personal influence. Based on his attitude and display for professionalism, CLAWSON has been able to report on and earn the respect of high officials in the present Administration. He is always aware of and concerned about possible conflicts of interest. CLAWSON is an honest man who has a highly developed sense of right and wrong.

[redacted] advised that CLAWSON admitted to him that to him he does not vote in certain elections involving candidates on which he has reported in his newspaper stories. He does this in an attempt to be void from any prejudices, bias or charge of conflict of interest. On another occasion, the appointee was reluctant to secure any assistance in placing his [redacted]

[redacted] himself interceded on CLAWSON's behalf since the appointee voiced concern that if he (CLAWSON) approached the [redacted] administration it might appear as if he were pressuring them for special favors.

[redacted] described this as an excellent example of CLAWSON's attitude toward adherence to professional ethics. [redacted] considers the appointee "one of the most loyal guys I have ever met". He is of high moral character and enjoys a fine reputation. There has never been any reason to doubt the loyalty or character of any of his associates. [redacted] has frequently attended social luncheons with the appointee and also knows the appointee's wife to be a fine lady with a good reputation. As far as

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recommending CLAWSON for his present appointment, _____ b6
stated he would do so reluctantly, as he did not want CLAWSON b7C
to leave the staff of The Washington Post. He stated the b7D
appointee has great professional potential and could have
probably been the National Editor of The Washington Post if
he would have chosen to stay.

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[redacted] The Washington Post,
was interviewed by SA [redacted] on 1/26/72. [redacted] stated
he has known KENNETH WADE CLAWSON since he came to the staff of
The Washington Post as an Assistant National Editor in early
1968. The appointee's initial duties were to cover all Congressional
news stories. He handled this position in a highly outstanding
manner. Later in his tenure with the staff, the appointee requested
duties as a national reporter considering this to be a better way
of advancing toward a high managerial position. He was then
given the assignment to cover the United States Department of
Justice. This he has done in an extremely competent manner
[redacted] advised. He also stated "he (CLAWSON) is the finest
journalist we have". He manages to consistently write in simple
declarative sentences which is a true mark of a good journalist.
He verbally expresses himself equally well and is very articul**b6 b7c**.
CLAWSON is "an honest, decent, first-rate human being". he is **b7C**
fair and unbiased in his writings. In this regard, [redacted]
stated he [redacted] considers him to be a man of high ideals
and professional ethics. As a journalist, he feels he has to deny
himself from being involved in positions that may conflict with
his professional position. [redacted] stated "CLAWSON peels the
onion one layer deeper than I". He holds himself apart from any
possible conflict of interest. Abstaining from voting for candi-
dates in elections where he has covered the campaign is such an
example. [redacted] described CLAWSON as a bright and intelligent
individual who has matured beyond his age. He has a good sense
of humor and can laugh at himself. He is a loyal citizen whose
character and reputation are unquestioned. His associates seem
to be people of equally good character. It is without question
that he has the potential to someday become an editor of a national
newspaper. He exhibits the possession of a lot of growth in his
field of journalism. [redacted] highly recommended the appointee
for his ensuing position but added "CLAWSON was one of the
few reporters ever able to maintain a significant relationship
with the present Administration. We don't want him to leave."

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[redacted] The Washington Post, was interviewed by SA [redacted] on 1/26/72. [redacted] advised he joined the staff of The Washington Post in January, 1970, taking the position of National Editor. KENNETH WADE CLAWSON was then one of his assistants working the "Congressional desk". The appointee then became a national reporter covering the news at the United States Department of Justice. In September, 1971, [redacted] During the period of January, 1970 through September, 1971, [redacted] was the appointee's [redacted] He knows the appointee and his family on a limited social basis, but having been to the CLAWSON home on occasions he can attest to their having a good, wholesome family atmosphere. He described the appointee as being extremely aggressive, hard working and diligent individual whb6 vigorously pursues new ideas. He is energetic and is quick tb7C ove in any given direction of thought. One of his great strengthb7D ies in his ability to dig out facts and develop relationships with people who would ordinarily be reluctant to divulge any information. He responds well to challenges of all types. Being a man of convention and regulated habits he has never been known to be involved in any activities which would cast a shadow on his good reputation. His associates are of the finest quality and he has never had any reason to doubt CLAWSON's loyalty to the country. [redacted] further described the appointee as one who is quick to pursue in conversation while always remaining tactful. He is civil and polite yet very persuasive at projecting his personality. He is a very direct and straight-forward reporter, who is reliable, honest and free from any bias. CLAWSON respects his position as a professional journalist and would not jeopardize his idealistic integrity by slanting any news report. "He is an ambitious man who wants to go to the top and probably will", advised [redacted] "I hate to see him leave The Washington Post, but I highly recommend him for his newly acquired position."

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[redacted] The Washington Post, was interviewed by SA [redacted] on 1/25/72. [redacted] advised he has known KENNETH WADE CLAWSON since the appointee first came to work at The Washington Post in 1968. He has only known the appointee casually on a social basis and has had a limited contact with the appointee's family. He stated he has no reason to doubt that the CLAWSONs are anything but good, wholesome family-type people. As the appointee's [redacted] from [redacted] and then again from [redacted] highly praised CLAWSON for his professional work. The appointee first came to the staff as an Assistant National Editor, handling the Congressional news. His coordinating ability and talent permitted him to be one of the finest in his field. At his own request, CLAWSON became a national reporter and was primarily assigned to the United States Department of Justice. He proved to be one of the most outstanding reporters on the staff. [redacted] stated "when KENNETH announced his intention to leave our staff we did everything we could to keep him. We even offered him a much higher salary. That is how much we think of him here." The appointee's speaking talent is excellent and has proved to be a great asset for him during his interviews. [redacted] described the appointee as a solid citizen who is "trouble-free". He is a very mature and responsible individual. He dresses well in a conservative business-like manner and has a good demeanor. His loyalty goes without question and he possesses a unique awareness of the country's best interest. There has never been any reason to doubt the appointee's reputation or character. He has associates of equally good character. He is an honest man with good integrity. [redacted] has no doubt as to the appointee's respect for and usage of professional ethics. [redacted] commented that the appointee possesses a great deal of potential and that the Administration is lucky to get him. He whole-heartedly recommended the appointee for his upcoming position and added that CLAWSON is leaving The Washington Post with the full respect and admiration of everyone there.

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The Washington Post, was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] on 1/25/72. He advised he has known KENNETH WADE CLAWSON ever since the appointee first began working for The Washington Post in early 1960. He is also a social acquaintance of the appointee and his wife. [redacted] from his frequent social visits with the CLAWSONS described the appointee's wife as "a lovely girl", who is warm, cheerful and above all a good wife and mother. As the [redacted] reviews the work of all national reporters to include appointee. He assessed the written work of the appointee as exemplary. He also advised that the appointee orally expressed himself clearly and was very articulate. He considers CLAWSON to be one of the best reporters on the staff of The Washington Post. He described CLAWSON as "a straight reporter", who reports without bias and adheres to the principles of professional ethics. [redacted] considered CLAWSON to have been a great asset to The Washington Post staff and went as far as to state "we haven't yet recovered from losing him". The appointee is of good character and high moral values. He is loyal to our country and has always been known to have associated with people of equally good character. He is honest and one of great integrity. Professionally he possesses a great deal of unrealized potential. [redacted] stated he highly recommends the appointee to the position for which he is being considered. He stated he believes CLAWSON to be well qualified for the job.

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On January 25, 1972, Special Agent [redacted] b6
reviewed the records of KENNETH WADE CLAWSON at the Records b7C
Office of the "Washington Post". [redacted]
Records Clerk, advised that CLAWSON's file contained the
following pertinent information:

KENNETH WADE CLAWSON, date of birth August 16,
1936, began working for the "Washington Post" on March 6,
1968, accepting the position as Assistant National Editor.
CLAWSON is presently serving as a national reporter on the
staff of the "Washington Post". The appointee's initial
application dated February 22, 1968, reflects that [redacted]

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[redacted] Michigan Gas Utilities Company Monroe Michigan

and [redacted]

were listed as personal references. This same application
reflects that CLAWSON's address at the time of application
was 3062 River Road, Toledo, Ohio. Also listed was attendance
at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, from
1952 to 1956. [redacted] added that her records indicated the
appointee's initial temporary residence in Washington, D. C.,
after accepting his position, was 3032 N Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

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The Washington Bureau of "Toledo Blade"

[redacted] Toledo Blade,
[redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] on 1/27/72.
[redacted] advised he first met KENNETH WADE CLAWSON when the
appointee began work for the Toledo Blade in 1963. While in
Toledo, Ohio, [redacted] frequently socialized with the appointee
and his former wife, NANCY. He knew both of them as being a
wonderful couple and good family people. He further advised
that he knew the appointee's present wife, [redacted] when she was
employed by the Toledo Blade, Toledo, Ohio, in the mid 1960's.
He has the highest regard for [redacted] both as a lady and
also as a fellow journalist. [redacted] recalled that the appointee
was under his direct supervision at the Toledo Blade during the
period of 1963 to 1968. During this time CLAWSON was both a
reporter and an assistant city editor. He was outstanding in his
work performance in both areas of responsibility. The appointee
was often required to coordinate the work loads of other reporters
and properly assign the best men available for any given news
coverage. His position also required usage of his knowledge and
ability in personnel management techniques. CLAWSON handled
himself extremely well in these areas of work which is a good
indication of his fine administrative ability. He is adept at
communicating with people and very articulate in his manner of
speaking. [redacted] described CLAWSON as being a stable and
mature person. He is ambitious and sets high goals for himself.
He is idealistic, honest, and one of great integrity. The
appointee is most assuredly a loyal American who has good character
and reputation. [redacted] has never had any reason to doubt the
reputation or character of any individual with whom the appointee
was then known to have been associated with. [redacted] rejects
any ideas concerning possible bias on the part of the appointee.
He knows CLAWSON to be a professional journalist and one who
would never intentionally print anything that was not true.
Although he is uncertain of the specific job description relating
to CLAWSON's new appointment, he highly recommends him for any
job requiring excellent journalistic ability & requiring
responsibility and security.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

3032 N Street, N.W.
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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent [redacted]

On January 26, 1972, [redacted]
[redacted] to [redacted] of New York, [redacted]
provided the following information:

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Several years ago, [redacted] purchased the residence
at [redacted]. The property was formerly called The
Colony Club, which was a rooming house. He does not recall
from whom the property was purchased and the records are not
readily available. He does not know KENNETH W. CLAWSON.

On January 26, 1972, the [redacted] at 3025 N Street, N.W.
advised that her employer has only resided at that address
since 1970.

On January 26, 1972, [redacted]
[redacted] advised that she has resided there since 1959.
The house at 3032 N Street, N.W., was known as The Colony
Club until purchased in approximately 1969 by [redacted]
of New York [redacted]. The former [redacted] or the
Colony Club was a [redacted] whose location is unknown.

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She further advised that [redacted] an "a very
high class" boarding house primarily utilized by important
Governmental and business executives while seeking permanent
residences. She did not meet any of the tenants and does not
know KENNETH W. CLAWSON.

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On January 26, 1972, [redacted]
[redacted] provided the following information:

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She has resided at this address for the past [redacted] years. The residence at 3032 N Street, N.W., was formerly known as The Colony Club, [redacted] by [redacted]. In approximately 1969, [redacted] sold the property to [redacted] now resides at [redacted]
[redacted]

She advised that [redacted] a "very respectable" rooming house which catered to persons with high incomes. She knew of absolutely no derogatory information regarding any of the tenants of [redacted]. She does not know anyone by the name of KENNETH W. CLAWSON.

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On January 26, 1972, [redacted] advised she did not know KENNETH W. CLAWSON and provided no additional pertinent information.

On January 27, 1972, [redacted] was interviewed and he provided the following information:

He has been acquainted with the appointee for a couple of years. He could not state whether or not the appointee ever resided at [redacted] as he was not acquainted with him in early 1968.

For the past couple of years he has had frequent professional association with him, usually at the "Washington Post". He does not socialize with him and knows nothing about his marital status. They may have been together covering the political campaigns during 1968.

He considers the appointee to be very intelligent, fair-minded, dedicated, and a good newspaperman. He has no reason to doubt his character, associates, or loyalty. He considers him to be very reliable. The appointee appears to exercise proper professional ethics and respects confidences.

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The appointee is a reporter for the "Washington Post" and his area of responsibility includes the Justice Department.

He recommends the appointee for a position of trust with the Government.

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United States Senate

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on January 26, 1972:

[redacted] (Virginia) and [redacted] (Virginia) have advised they have no personal knowledge of the appointee, KENNETH W. CLAWSON, and are each unable to furnish any comment concerning him.

[redacted] (Mississippi) advised he has no close personal knowledge of the appointee although he recalls the appointee had visited his office on [redacted] occasions for the purpose of obtaining press releases relating to the activities of the Committee on the Judiciary on which [redacted] is not acquainted with the appointee's family members nor with their activities. He said that he has no information which would cause him to question the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty. He is unable to furnish any additional comments concerning him in view of his lack of personal knowledge of the appointee.

[redacted]
of the Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance, advised he has known the appointee on a professional basis for approximately [redacted] years as a result of their regular professional contact at the United States Capitol. He is not acquainted with the appointee's personal life nor with his family members or outside activities. He considers him a highly intelligent and successful feature writer and correspondent. He knows of nothing in his background which would cause him to question the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty. He recommends him to a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government.

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White House Office (WHO)

The following investigation at WHO was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on January 25, 1972.

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The files of the Personnel Office, WHO, contained no record of the appointee, KENNETH W. CLAWSON.

[redacted] for the Executive Branch, advised the appointee is being considered for the position of Deputy Director of this office, and it is contemplated he will enter on duty on approximately February 7, 1972. [redacted] has only known the appointee approximately [redacted] [redacted] on a professional level only. This contact has centered around the appointee's application for the position on this staff and has involved several interviews conducted by [redacted]. [redacted] pointed out CLAWSON enjoys an excellent professional reputation and is considered "one of the best" in the field of news reporting and writing. [redacted] has been favorably impressed with CLAWSON but due to the limited personal contact he is unable to make a further comment or personal recommendation.

[redacted]
[redacted] advised he first became acquainted with CLAWSON approximately a [redacted] ago when CLAWSON wrote an indepth story concerning him which was published in the "Washington Post." Since that time they have had continuing professional and social contact. [redacted] advised he was the individual in the WH who personally recommended CLAWSON to [redacted] [redacted] stated that over the years the "Washington Post" has been critical of the NIXON Administration on various issues and has also been critical of the Justice Department and the FBI. In his contact with CLAWSON [redacted] is confident the appointee does not share the views as expressed by the "Washington Post"

in these matters, and [redacted] is also confident CLAWSON is a very fair-minded person who is very objective in his writings.

As regards the appointee's personal life, [redacted] advised CLAWSON to his knowledge is very happily married to his present wife. The appointee's first wife committed suicide several years ago, and it is his understanding she had had mental problems for a number of years. This suicide caused some problems with the children, and he believes the [redacted]

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stated that he believes the other children have made a positive adjustment to the situation, and the home life is now a wholesome one.

[redacted] concluded by stating the appointee is a loyal American citizen, that he will be an asset to the WH staff, and therefore highly recommends him for a position of trust and confidence.

[redacted] to the President, advised he has known the appointee approximately a year and a half on a professional level in connection with their respective positions. He has also had social contact with CLAWSON and considers him a personal friend. He concurred with [redacted] on the recommendation of CLAWSON to [redacted] He described the appointee as an honorable, level-headed, responsible person who enjoys an excellent professional reputation. CLAWSON has the reputation of being the "inhouse conservative" at the "Washington Post." [redacted] explained this term as meaning the appointee does not share the liberal views expressed by the Post and takes a very hard line in the field of law enforcement. He understands the appointee is highly regarded by the "Washington Post" staff.

[redacted] understands this is the appointee's second marriage; however, he knows nothing concerning the first wife or the background concerning the cause of her death. He considers CLAWSON a decent, respectable person who is completely devoted to his family. There is no question of CLAWSON'S loyalty to the United States, and [redacted] highly recommends him.

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On 1/25/72, SA [redacted] interviewed the following persons in the Office of Public Information, Office of the Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice (USDJ) :

[redacted] advised the appointee has been known to him as a professional associate since about [redacted]. During the early period he knew him only casually but, after [redacted] he became more closely associated with him. He has had occasional social contact with appointee. He considers the appointee to be a loyal, honest and discreet citizen with high moral habits and upstanding associates. He displays high professional ethics and gives every indication of being a man of high integrity. Appointee is sufficiently aggressive to accomplish the mission without being obnoxious. He is reliable and trustworthy and enjoys a fine reputation. [redacted] endorsed him for a Government position of trust and confidence.

According to [redacted] b6
he has been acquainted with appointee as a professional associate for about [redacted] b7C. He does not know him socially b7D. The appointee is a competent and highly professional newspaper man who is pleasant and affable. He is well groomed and projects a favorable impression. He considers him to be honest, ethical and fair in all his dealings. He is dependable and trustworthy. His associates, patriotism and moral habits are above reproach. [redacted] declared he is aware of nothing unfavorable concerning appointee and recommended him for important duties in the Federal service.

On 1/25/72, SA [redacted] interviewed [redacted] Office of Public Information, Office of the Attorney General, USDJ. He stated he has been acquainted with appointee on a professional basis since about [redacted] when appointee began covering the USDJ for the Washington Post. He does not know him socially. The appointee gives every indication of being a loyal American citizen with unquestioned morals and associates. He is a conscientious and hard working person. [redacted] recalled that in 1970, the [redacted] held a press conference in Indianapolis and made reference to vigilante activities. The appointee wrote a story of this press conference in the Washington Post and misquoted the Attorney General's remarks. As a result of this misquoted material, NICHOLAS VON HOFFMAN, a columnist, wrote a column critical of Mr. MITCHELL a few days later. A "HERBLOCK" cartoon appeared in the Washington Post several days later which

portrayed the Attorney General in an unfavorable light,
based on the incorrect information in appointee's article.

[redacted] wrote to the Washington Post and advised them of appointee's misquote b6 and set the record straight based on a tape recording of b7C the original statements by the Attorney General. The Post b7D then publicly admitted the misquote and expressed regret for their error.

On another occasion, [redacted]

[redacted] Internal Security DIVISION, USDJ, furnished information to appointee on a confidential basis with the request that it not be printed. This occurred after the robbery at the Media, Pennsylvania, FBI Office. One of these confidential items concerned the daughter of a Congressman who had been investigated. The other incident involved the background information on [redacted] wanted by the FBI, and the fact there were indications she might contact a certain college professor in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, area, who was being followed by the FBI in an effort to apprehend [redacted]

[redacted] One of these confidential items was later published in the Washington Post under the byline of [redacted] and KEN W. CLAWSON. The other confidential items was published in the Washington Post under the byline of [redacted] of Boston, Massachusetts. [redacted] mentioned the confidential items were given to appointee over the telephone by [redacted] while he, [redacted] was listening from another telephone. They had a three-way telephone hook-up on this occasion so that all the parties could converse with each other. He stated the information appearing in [redacted] article could only have come from appointee. When confronted concerning the confidential information, the appointee denied any recollection that the two items were actually furnished to him on a confidential basis and were not to be published. There is no question in [redacted] mind that this data was, in fact, given to appointee with the proviso that it would not be published. [redacted] explained this information was furnished to appointee so he would have a better understanding concerning the various stolen FBI documents that were being circulated to newspaper publishers throughout the country.

Another situation involving appointee was alluded to by [redacted] On this occasion the appointee had an interview with [redacted] Immediately afterward, he went to the Assistant Attorney General (AAG) in charge of the Civil Rights Division of the USDJ and stated the

Attorney General had authorized him to be briefed on a particular matter then being handled by the Civil Rights Division. The AAG, without verifying the authorization with the Attorney General, furnished information to appointee regarding the situation. It was later ascertained the appointee did not have the authorization of [redacted] to receive the data that was furnished to him.

[redacted] related another situation involving the appointee. Sometime back, [redacted] who was then the [redacted] Criminal Division, USDJ, was in the [redacted] due to a [redacted]. During this same period, [redacted] was being criticized in the press for allegedly reaping profits from some sort of improper activity in his home area of Texas. The appointee was reported to have gone to [redacted] office and stated he was informed on the fifth floor of the USDJ that [redacted] had hurt his back while "carrying all his money to the bank", or words to that effect. This caused consternation in the USDJ. When [redacted] later confronted the appointee regarding this remark, appointee denied he had heard it in the USDJ but claimed he had heard it from some other source, not recalled by [redacted]. It is [redacted] belief that appointee actually originated the story and spread it in an apparent attempt to discredit [redacted]

[redacted] stated the above appears to reflect that appointee, in these instances, used bad judgement and displayed a lack of professional ethics and basic integrity. He is aware that reporters and newsmen, from time to time, resort to devious means in order to secure stories. However, he feels appointee's activities, as above described, exceeded normal bounds and could even be construed as an adverse reflection on his basic honesty. In view of this, he would not hire appointee to work on his own staff in the USDJ and, if it was his decision to make, he would not hire him for the position for which he is presently being considered.

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On 1/26/72. SA [redacted]

interviewed [redacted]

[redacted] United States Department of Justice. He said he has known the appointee on a professional basis for about the past [redacted]. He also knows him socially and they are rather close personal friends. [redacted]

[redacted] and his wife have visited at appointee's home in McLean Virginia, and appointee and his wife have been to [redacted]

[redacted] s home on social occasions. [redacted] has high regard for appointee's loyalty, moral character, and associates. He recalled one instance in 1970, when appointee, in an article in the Washington Post, misquoted the [redacted]

concerning remarks made by [redacted]

[redacted] in a press conference. [redacted] wrote a letter

to the Post, pointing out the misquoted material, and the newspaper subsequently published an apology. He feels the appointee acted in good faith but had been mistaken as to the exact words used by [redacted] at the press conference.

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considers appointee to be a loyal, stable, and upright person with high professional ethics. Appointee is a man of integrity.

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He is scrupulous and discreet. [redacted] indicated he has furnished information to appointee on a confidential basis and appointee has always kept his word. All the material given to appointee for publication has been accurately and fairly reported. The appointee is reliable, trustworthy and co-operative.

[redacted] described appointee as moderate to conservative in his approach and he defined a moderate to mean one who avoids extremes of behavior or expression and observes reasonable limits. He defined a conservative as one whose political philosophy is based on tradition and social stability, stressing established institutions, and preferring gradual development to abrupt change.

The appointee recently consulted [redacted] concerning the recent offer of a position at the white house and [redacted] urged him to accept the position. The appointee's wife is likewise a respectable citizen.

[redacted] feels the appointee would be a credit to the Federal service in a high position of trust and confidence and he so endorsed him without qualification.

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On 1/27/72, SA [redacted]

interviewed [redacted]

[redacted] Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, United States Department of Justice (USDJ), who was formerly the [redacted] Civil Rights Division, USDJ. He

said he has known the appointee on a professional basis since about the early part of 1970. He recalled one incident at the Civil Rights Division. In the early fall of 1970, the courts had ordered massive integration of public schools in the South.

[redacted] drew up a plan, on a highly confidential basis, whereby hundreds of Deputy United States Marshals and a great many attorneys from the Civil Rights Division would be sent to oversee the integration process and render aid, where necessary. [redacted] furnished a copy of this plan,

including the number of individuals who would be sent on this mission, to the Attorney General. No one else in or out of the Government was informed of this project. One day the appointee came to [redacted] office and said he just had

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an interview with the Attorney General. They had a friendly general discussion. Appointee then asked [redacted] how many Deputy United States Marshals and Department attorneys were being sent down South. [redacted]

was taken back by this question since only he, [redacted] and the Attorney General, knew of the existence of this plan. [redacted] immediately assumed

that [redacted] had briefed the appointee on this project and he, thereupon, furnished to appointee the number of Marshals and attorneys that were being sent southward.

The appointee immediately published this data in the Washington Post. When the Attorney General saw this information in the newspaper he criticized [redacted] for disclosing this data.

[redacted] informed [redacted] he assumed [redacted]

had advised appointee of this matter during their conversation earlier in the day in question since appointee had asked a question concerning the project that only [redacted] and

[redacted] knew about. [redacted] subsequently discussed this matter with appointee. Appointee said he had merely guessed that Marshals and attorneys would be sent to oversee the school integration. [redacted] declared that on the day

he had the conversation with appointee, appointee, appointee did not indicate directly or indirectly, that he was authorized by [redacted] to discuss this matter. He likewise gave no indication that [redacted] had informed him of the existence of this project. [redacted] emphatically stated appointee acted properly in this instance and was not being devious or tricky. As a matter of fact, [redacted] said he, himself, was at fault for assuming the appointee had been told about the project when appointee had merely made an educated guess that such a project had been formulated. [redacted] praised appointee's astuteness in this situation since he was the only newsman who was able to figure out the matter through his own ingenuity.

[redacted] described the appointee as being an excellent newspaperman who is fair and equitable in all his dealings. Appointee is sensitive to the feelings of others and is friendly and affable. The appointee is honest, upstanding, stable, and energetic. He has never betrayed a confidence and his stories are accurately reported. He has high ethics and has never been known to use subterfuge or deception in his business dealings. Appointee gives every indication of being a patriotic American citizen. His moral habits and associates are unquestioned. He is a mature individual. [redacted] recommended him for a position of responsibility in the Government.

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On 1/27/72, SA [redacted] contacted [redacted]

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Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, United States Department of Justice, (USDJ). She has been acquainted with appointee on a professional basis since the early part of 1970. Appointee regularly comes to the USDJ to seek information and stories for the Washington Post. She has had lunch with him on infrequent occasions. She described him as being a competent and accurate reporter with high professional

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ethics and a sense of honesty. He conducts himself as a gentleman and projects a favorable impression. He is well groomed, friendly, and co-operative. She feels all the information he has published was fairly and accurately reported and reflected meticulous and thorough research on his part. The appointee has never used devious tactics to secure information and she feels he is completely aboveboard in his dealings. He gives every indication of being a loyal and reputable citizen with unquestioned associates. He has high rectitude.

[redacted] declared she is aware of nothing unfavorable concerning appointee and recommended him for a high Government post.

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On 1/27/72 [redacted] to the President, advised SA [redacted] he first became acquainted with KEN CLAWSON in approximately [redacted] when CLAWSON was assigned by the Washington Post to cover the Justice Department. At that time [redacted] was [redacted]

[redacted] to the Attorney General. They have continued to have professional and personal contact to date. He has always found CLAWSON a very careful, fair-minded journalist and has always been favorably impressed with his reports. Some months ago, CLAWSON wrote a article concerning the Attorney General and the Justice Department on the use of vigilante groups in the field of law enforcement. The facts set forth by CLAWSON were found to be in error and the Post published a retraction. This error by CLAWSON caused criticism of the appointee by the Attorney General. [redacted] felt this error was not intentional. He has always considered the appointee a good reporter.

In regards to the appointee's personal life, [redacted] has always found him a discreet, respectable person who is devoted to his wife and family. There is no question of CLAWSON's loyalty to the United States and [redacted] highly recommends him.

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On January 27, 1972 [redacted] National Broadcasting Company, 4001 Nebraska Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., furnished the following information to SA [redacted]

He has known appointee professionally for approximately [redacted] through their association in covering the Department of Justice. He has met appointee's wife only once and has not socialized with appointee to any great extent. He considers appointee one of the sharpest newsmen he knows. Appointee is a careful reporter, with excellent sources of information, who does his homework on his assignments. He is very conscientious in his work.

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[redacted] in no way questioned appointee's character, reputation or loyalty to the United States. He feels appointee is completely honest. He has worked with appointee closely on several occasions and he knows of no instance where appointee has ever violated a confidence. He knows of nothing of a derogatory nature about appointee. [redacted] advised that as far as he can tell, appointee has always given a true account of the facts of a story on which he has worked. [redacted] would recommend appointee for the position of Deputy Director of Communications for the White House.

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[redacted] for Newhouse News Service, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., was interviewed by SA [redacted] on 1/28/72. [redacted] advised as the former Public Information Officer, U.S. Department of Justice, he had occasion to deal with KENNETH WADE CLAWSON on a professional basis. Since CLAWSON was assigned to cover U.S. Department of Justice for the Washington Post only weeks before [redacted] left that department to assume his present position, this professional contact was extremely limited. [redacted] did advise, however, that he is well aware of CLAWSON's work as a national reporter. He has the highest regard for the app[redacted] as a professional journalist. Both being Neiman Fell[redacted] and CLAWSON have several common associates. [redacted] stated he has never heard any derogatory comments concerning the appointee. To the contrary, everyone speaks highly of CLAWSON, often referring to him as a straight forward and competent reporter. [redacted] knows no reason to doubt the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty. [redacted] also stated he knows the appointee's wife, [redacted] as being a fellow reporter at the Newhouse News Service. He described her as being a fine, reputable lady and a respected journalist. He concluded by stating he knows no reason not to recommend the appointee for his ensuing position with the Federal Government.

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On January 27, 1972 [redacted] Newsweek Magazine, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. advised Special Agent [redacted] that he has been professionally acquainted with appointee for approximately [redacted]. He advised that he respected appointee's energy and ambition, and that there was no question as to his competency. He further advised that from his limited association he has found appointee to be an honest individual of integrity and ambition. He stated that on occasion he and appointee had disagreed on various viewpoints and politics, but he believed that he had an open mind. He advised that due to his limited association with the appointee he could not comment on his social behavior, but that he had never heard of any unfavorable information concerning his personal life or conduct. He concluded by advising that as he had limited contact with the appointee he would not be able to give him a recommendation, but this was not to reflect upon the appointee as not being competent or capable for a sensitive position of trust with the United States Government.

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[redacted] "Washington Evening Star",
advised Sp [redacted] Agent [redacted] on January 27, 1972,
he has known the appointee for about [redacted]. He explained
he knows the appointee only professionally coming into
occasional contact with him in the course of pursuing his
occupation. The appointee has impressed him as an honest,
ethical newspaperman.

[redacted] advised nothing has come to his attention
which reflects in any manner adversely upon the appointee's
character, associates, reputation, or loyalty. He has no
reason not to recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

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The following investigation was conducted on 1/27/72:by
SA [redacted]

[redacted] Washington Bureau of United Press International (UPI) working out of room 5132, U.S. Department of Justice, 10th and Pennsylvania Avenues N.W., advised she has known the appointee for about three years. Appointee was working for the Washington Post, and was assigned to cover the Justice Department. Frequently, the appointee would have to use the services of UPI, and as a result, she came in close contact with him. His work reflected the type of man he is, a man of high integrity, honest, and most importantly, high professional ethics.. Appointee is an extremely good reporter, and his writings never distort the truth.

[redacted] added the appointee is one of the few Washington Post writers who is sympathetic to the NIXON administration.

[redacted] further advised she resides in [redacted] somewhat near where the appointee lives, and added the appointee, his wife, and family enjoy a fine reputation in the community. She commented favorably regarding their characters, loyalties, reputations, and associates, and recommends the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

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On January 27, 1972, SA [redacted] interviewed [redacted] at his place of employment, 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 730. [redacted] advised he has been a [redacted] for the Los Angeles Times for the past six years and has been acquainted with KENNETH W. CLAWSON since the latter part of 1969. [redacted] stated he is only acquainted with the appointee on a professional basis and described the appointee as a political conservative more ^{BEING IN} at harmony with the current administration than many of his peers. He added the appointee is a competent and aggressive correspondent who never seems to stop working or to tire from his large amount of work.

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[redacted] stated he feels the appointee will grow with the position of Deputy Director of Communications for the White House and highly recommended the appointee for that position. [redacted] commented favorably regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty and stated he knows of nothing derogatory regarding the appointee.

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CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

[redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D. C., and was advised on January 25, 1972, that the files contained a satisfactory credit record for the appointee.

On January 25, 1972, [redacted] searched the files of the United States Park Police and no identifiable record could be found concerning the appointee or his wife.

On January 25, 1972, [redacted] determined that no record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee or his wife.

It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

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On January 25, 1972, [redacted] reviewed the main card index, at the Library of Congress, which revealed no record concerning the appointee.

On January 25, 1972, [redacted] caused a search to be made at the "Washington Daily News", library morgue, which revealed no record concerning the [redacted] appointee. b6 b7C

On January 25, 1972, [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the House Committee on Internal Security and was advised that no identifiable record was found concerning appointee.

On January 27, 1972, [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised that no record was found concerning the appointee.

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On 1/27/72, SC [redacted] caused a search of the records at the Passport Office, Department of State, and was advised that no record could be found concerning the appointee.

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On 1/27/72, SC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, and was advised that the file concerning the appointee contained no additional pertinent information.

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TELETYPE

517 PM URGENT 1-28-72 DCC
TO DIRECTOR
FROM PHILADELPHIA (161-1857) (RUC)

KENNETH WADE CLAWSON AKA, SPIN

RE WFO TEL DATED JAN. TWENTYSIX LAST.

INSTANT DATE,

OF COLONY CLUB ROOMING HOUSE, THREE ZERO THREE TWO N ST.,
WASHINGTON, D.C., ADVISED CLAWSON WAS A GUEST FOR THREE DASH
SIX MONTHS IN ONE NINE SIX EIGHT SHE BELIEVES, HOWEVER, NO
RECORDS AVAILABLE AND THEREFORE NOT ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN OF
THE YEAR. SHE ADVISED CLAWSON STAYED AT THE COLONY ALONE
AS HE WAS LOOKING FOR A HOUSE IN THE D.C. AREA FOR HIS
FAMILY.

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[redacted] DESCRIBED CLAWSON AS BEING A QUIET FAMILY
NOT RECORDED
TYPE MAN WHO WAS ACCEPTED AND GOT ALONG WELL WITH THE OTHER FEB 29 1972
TWENTY OR SO GUESTS. CLAWSON NOT KNOWN TO RUN AROUND AND [redacted]
DID NOT HAVE ANY FEMALE GUESTS WHILE HE STAYED AT THE COLONY
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CLUB. [REDACTED] SAID SHE LIKED CLAWSON AND ALWAYS FOUND HIM TO BE A PERFECT GENTLEMAN, AND SHE CONSIDERS HIM AS BEING A WELL ROUNDED PERSON OF GOOD CHARACTER, MORALS, AND REPUTATION. [REDACTED] CONSIDERS CLAWSON AS BEING A LOYAL AMERICAN AND KNOWS OF NOTHING UNFAVORABLE ABOUT HIM AND THEREFORE KNEW OF NO REASON WHY HE COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE GOVERNMENT; HOWEVER, SHE DID NOT FEEL SHE COULD RECOMMEND ^{KNOW} HIM SINCE SHE DID NOT ^A HIM WELL OR LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE AN OUTRIGHT RECOMMENDATION INASMUCH AS SHE DOES NOT KNOW HIS QUALIFICATIONS OR BACKGROUND.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED CLAWSON PAID HIS RENT PROMPTLY AND SHE CONSIDERED THIS AS BEING A VERY GOOD INDICATION APPLICANT IS A RESPONSIBLE PERSON.

[REDACTED] CONCLUDED BY SAYING SHE HEARD OF CLAWSON'S WIFE'S DEATH, BUT SHE NEVER MET HIS WIFE OR ANY OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY.

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (161-1453) (P)

SUBJECT: KENNETH WADE CLAWSON, aka
Ken W. Clawson
SPI
BUDED: 1/28/72

Re Alexandria airtel to the Bureau dated 1/12/72,
and Bureau teletype to Alexandria dated 1/21/72.

NEIGHBORHOOD

5 minutes
850 Merriewood Lane
McLean, Virginia

The following investigation was conducted on
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advised he has known appointee as a neighbor only for one and one half years. Appointee resides at 850 Merriewood Lane with his wife and three children, and he has never heard anything derogatory concerning them. He advised he has no knowledge of appointee's professional qualifications, ability, or ethics. Furthermore, he has no reason to question appointee's associates, morals, integrity, honesty, character, reputation, or loyalty to the United States. Based on his limited knowledge of the appointee, he recommended him for a position of trust with the United States Government.

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[redacted] advised he has known the appointee and his family for one year. He describes them as congenial, quiet neighbors who keep to themselves. He stated he could not comment on appointee's professional abilities inasmuch as their relationship has been limited to a neighborhood one. He has no reason to question appointee's character, reputation, honesty, trustworthiness, morals, associates, or loyalty to the United States. He recommended appointee for a position of trust with the Government.

Phone [redacted] advised she has known appointee, his wife, and three children [redacted] for two years. She advised appointee's wife, [redacted] is his second wife; however, she did not know the circumstances surrounding the death of his first wife. She stated that appointee is employed by the Washington Post and that his wife is also employed by a newspaper (name unknown). She described appointee as a sober, stable individual, and a good neighbor. She considers appointee to be an honest, trustworthy individual, possessed of good morals, character, and reputation. She considers appointee to be a loyal citizen and therefore recommends him for a position of trust and responsibility with the United States Government.

[redacted] advised she has known appointee for one year. She describes him as a level-headed, intelligent, individual who possesses no "odd" or "radical" ideas. He resides with his second wife, [redacted] and three children at 850 Merriewood Lane and is considered to be a good neighbor by the other residents of the neighborhood. On occasion she has been in his company socially, and he conducts himself well and does not use alcohol to excess. She has never heard anything derogatory concerning the family and therefore recommends him for a position of trust with the Government.

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The following investigation was conducted on January 26, 1972:

OK [redacted] advised she has known appointee and his family for two years, since they moved into their home at 850 Merriewood Lane. She advised that his wife [redacted] is his second wife and that

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the appointee's first wife (name unknown) committed suicide in McLean, Virginia, approximately two years ago. She stated that the CLAWSON children play at her home, and she was advised of the aforementioned by them; however, they have never furnished any further details of the incident. She advised that appointee's [redacted]

brought about by her mother's suicide. [redacted] advised that the appointee is presently employed by the Washington Post newspaper and that his wife is employed by a syndicated news service (name unknown). She described appointee as a very intelligent, straightforward individual and a good conversationalist. She has never heard anything derogatory concerning appointee's character, associates, professional ethics, honesty, morals, truthfulness, or loyalty to the United States. She therefore recommended him for a position of trust with the United States Government.

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AGENCY CHECK

On January 26, 1972, IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department, and was advised no record could be located concerning the appointee or his wife.

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ALEXANDRIA

of [redacted] AT ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. Will report results b2 inquiry upon receipt of information from that agency.

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Date: 1/31/72

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Via [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR (161-8573)

FROM CLEVELAND (161-802) 14P

KENNETH WADE CLAWSON, AKA.; SPIN.

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE, JAN. TWENTYSEVEN, LAST.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY [REDACTED]

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BEAU, SA.

EMPLOYMENT

KNOWLTON CONSTRUCTION CO. ON JAN. TWENTYSIX, LAST, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PERSONNEL OFFICE, KNOWLTON CONSTRUCTION CO. ADVISED ^{NST}

CLAWSON WORKED AS A LABORER FOR THIS COMPANY AT BOWLING GREEN,

OHIO, FROM JUNE TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR TO JULY, SIXTEEN,

NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR. [REDACTED] ADVISED PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT COULD

HAVE BEEN DUE TO REDUCTION IN FORCE OR COMPLETION OF CERTAIN

PHASE OF CONSTRUCTION. NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION AND CLAWSON

CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR REHIRE.

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LAST, [REDACTED] PERSONNEL DEPT., FOOD TOWN MARKETS,
MAUMEE, OHIO, ADVISED FOOD TOWN ACQUIRED GRUBER MARKET IN
MONROE, MICHIGAN IN JANUARY NINETEEN SEVENTY AND AT TIME OF
PURCHASE RECORDS OF GRUBER EMPLOYEES MAINTAINED ONLY BACK TO
NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN. NO RECORD OF APPLICANT WORKING FOR
GRUBER IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN OR AFTER.

TOLEDO BLADE NEWSPAPER, TOLEDO, OHIO. ON JANUARY TWENTYFOUR,
LAST [REDACTED] PERSONNEL DEPT., TOLEDO BLADE, ADVISED
APPLICANT USED AS LOCAL CORRESPONDENT (STRINGER) AT MONROE,
MICHIGAN, STARTING IN NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY
HIRED AS REPORTER IN TOLEDO ON OCTOBER FOURTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO.
AT TIME OF HIRE CLAWSON RESIDED AT THREE TWO ZERO COLONIAL DRIVE,
MONROE, MICHIGAN. WIFE CARRIED ON APPLICATION AS NANCY LEE CLAWSON.
CLAWSON AND PARENTS LISTED AS J. D. AND LILLIAS CLAWSON RESIDING
AT THREE TWO NINE ROESSLER, MONROE, MICHIGAN.

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CLAWSON WORKED FOR BLADE UNTIL AUG. NINE, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX
WHEN HE WAS GIVEN NEIMAN FELLOWSHIP AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

CLAWSON RETURNED TO BLADE ON JUNE TWELVE, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN
AND RESIGNED ON FEB. NINE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT TO TAKE POSITION
WITH WASHINGTON POST.

CLAWSON WORKED AS REPORTER, ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR, AND
LABOR REPORTER.

[REDACTED] ADVISED IF CLAWSON WERE TO REAPPLY FOR RE-EMPLOYMENT
WITH THE BLADE THERE WOULD BE SOME QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR
NOT HE WOULD BE REHIRED DUE TO THE FACT HE HAD LEFT BLADE FOR
WASHINGTON POST SO SOON AFTER HE RETURNED FROM HARVARD. [REDACTED]

ADVISED BLADE HAD SUPPLEMENTED CLAWSON'S INCOME WHILE AT
HARVARD AND ALSO FURNISHED HIM A CAR TO USE WHILE AT HARVARD.

[REDACTED] ADVISED, HOWEVER, HE BELIEVED CLAWSON WOULD BE REHIRED
DUE TO HIS ABILITY.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED CLAWSON ALSO A HIGHLY COMPETENT NEWSPAPER MAN AND WELL TRAINED IN EVERY FACET OF THE NEWSPAPER FIELD. HE STATED HE HAD NO REASON TO DOUBT CLAWSON'S ETHICS OR INTEGRITY AS A NEWSPAPER MAN. HE STATED HE CONSIDERED CLAWSON TO BE A LOYAL AMERICAN WITH EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND ASSOCIATIONS AND HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR POSITION WITH THE US GOVERNMENT.

ON JAN. TWENTYSIX, LAST [REDACTED]
AT TOLEDO BLADE ADVISED HE HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH CLAWSON DURING CLAWSON'S EMPLOYMENT WITH BLADE. CLAWSON WAS REPORTER, ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR AND LABOR WRITER AT BLADE [REDACTED]. STATED CLAWSON WAS EXCELLENT NEWSPAPER MAN, WELL TRAINED AND WELL QUALIFIED IN ALL PHASES OF NEWSPAPER WORK. HE DESCRIBED CLAWSON AS INTELLIGENT AND AMBITIOUS AND VERY CONSCIOUS OF IMPROVING HIMSELF.

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HE STATED HE CONSIDERED CLAWSON TO BE AN ETHICAL NEWSPAPER MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATION. HE ADVISED HE HAD NO REASON TO DOUBT APPLICANT'S LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR POSITION DUE TO HIS ABILITY.

[redacted] ADVISED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE FACT THAT CLAWSON MAY HAVE HAD SOME MARITAL PROBLEMS WHILE AT TOLEDO AND FOLLOWING THE DEATH OR SUICIDE OF HIS FIRST WIFE, CLAWSON CONSEQUENTLY MARRIED A FELLOW EMPLOYEE AT BLADE. [redacted] ADVISED HE HAD NO DEFINITIVE INFORMATION ON THE MARITAL PROBLEMS AND HAD NO INFORMATION INDICATING CLAWSON ASSOCIATED WITH ANY UNDESIRABLE CHARACTERS IN THE TOLEDO AREA.

ON JAN. TWENTYFOUR, LAST, [redacted]
TOLEDO BLADE, ADVISED SHE HAD KNOWN CLAWSON WHILE HE WAS AT THE BLADE AND WORKED WITH HIM AS A REPORTER DURING THIS PERIOD OF TIME.

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SHE STATED CLAWSON WAS A VERY CAPABLE AND ENTERPRISING NEWSPAPER MAN. SHE STATED CLAWSON WAS AMBITIOUS AND HAD LEFT THE BLADE FOR A BETTER POSITION WITH THE WASHINGTON POST. SHE ADVISED SHE WAS AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME HARD FEELINGS WHEN CLAWSON LEFT THE BLADE BECAUSE BLADE HAD HELPED SUPPORT CLAWSON WHILE HE WAS AT HARVARD. SHE ADVISED SHE BELIEVED BLADE MANAGEMENT WAS SHORTSIDED IN THIS FEELING AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN AWARE THAT A PERSON AS CAPABLE AND TALENTED AS CLAWSON WOULD EVENTUALLY HAVE LEFT FOR A BETTER POSITION. SHE STATED SHE CONSIDERED CLAWSON TO BE A PERSON OF GOOD CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND ASSOCIATIONS. SHE ADVISED SHE WAS AWARE OF THE FACT THAT CLAWSON, WHILE LABOR WRITER, DID ASSOCIATE CLOSELY WITH LABOR AND UNION LEADERS IN TOLEDO BUT SHE ALSO ADVISED SHE FELT THAT THE UNION AND LABOR LEADERS IN TOLEDO ARE REPUTABLE INDIVIDUALS.

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SHE STATED SHE CONSIDERED CLAWSON TO BE AN ETHICAL NEWSPAPER MAN AND A PERSON OF GOOD CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND ASSOCIATION. SHE ADVISED SHE FELT HE WAS A LOYAL AMERICAN AND WOULD RECOMMEND CLAWSON FOR THE DESIRED POSITION.

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[REDACTED] STATED SHE WAS AWARE OF THE FACT THAT CLANSON MARRIED A FELLOW EMPLOYEE OF THE BLADE, [REDACTED] AFTER HIS WIFE COMMITTED SUICIDE IN MC LEAN, VIRGINIA. ON JAN. TWENTYSIX, LAST, [REDACTED] TOLEDO BLADE, [REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAD WORKED WITH CLAWSON AFTER CLAWSON HAD RETURNED TO THE BLADE FROM HARVARD. HE STATED CLAWSON HAD WORKED AS AN ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR AND AS THE BLADE'S LABOR WRITER. HE ADVISED CLAWSON WAS AN EXCELLENT ALL AROUND NEWSPAPER MAN AND WAS EXTREMELY AMBITIOUS. HE ADVISED THAT CLAWSON SEEMED TO BE "DETERMINED TO GETTING THE BEST JOB AND GETTING THE BEST STORY." HE ADVISED HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE THAT WOULD INDICATE CLAWSON WAS NOT AN ETHICAL REPORTER.

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HE STATED UNETHICAL TACTICS ARE USED BY REPORTERS WHO DO NOT HAVE THE PROFESSIONAL ABILITY OF CLAWSON.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH CLAWSON NEVER TOLD HIM HE WAS SURE THAT CLAWSON WAS SEEING HIS PRESENT WIFE "SOCIALLY" WHILE HE WAS STILL MARRIED TO HIS FIRST WIFE. HE STATED ALSO THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE CLAWSON WAS THE TYPE OF PERSON THAT WOULD HAVE A "LIBRARY" ACQUAINTANCE WITH ANY WOMAN, HE WAS INTERESTED IN. HE ADVISED THAT WHEN HE HEARD OF THE SUICIDE OF CLAWSON'S FIRST WIFE HE DID NOT NECESSARILY CONNECT IT WITH CLAWSON'S AFFAIR WITH HIS PRESENT WIFE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT DUE TO CLAWSON'S POSITION AS LABOR WRITER, HE DID ASSOCIATE WITH VARIOUS LABOR LEADERS IN TOLEDO. HE STATED THIS CLOSE ASSOCIATION WAS DUE TO CLAWSON'S OPERATIONAL METHODS OF OBTAINING NEWS. HE STATED HE DID NOT FEEL THAT THIS ASSOCIATION COULD BE CONSIDERED DEROGATORY IN ANY WAY.

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HE STATED CLAWSON ALSO ASSOCIATED WITH FELLOW STAFFMEMBERS OF THE BLADE. HE ADVISED HE KNEW OF NO ASSOCIATIONS OF CLAWSON'S THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED DISREPUTABLE. HE ADVISED HE HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE HE WAS NOT A LOYAL AMERICAN AND WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CLAWSON'S AFFAIR WITH HIS PRESENT WIFE, HE CONSIDERED CLAWSON TO BE A PERSON OF GOOD CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND ASSOCIATIONS. HE ADVISED HE WOULD RECOMMEND CLAWSON FOR A POSITION WITH THE US GOVERNMENT.

ON JAN, TWENTYFOUR, LAST, A CHECK OF THE RECORDS OF THE PERSONNEL DEPT. AT THE BLADE REVEALED THAT

[REDACTED] PRESENT WIFE, IS THE DAUGHTER OF [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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WHO LEFT EMPLOYMENT WITH THE BLADE ON JULY NINETEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT TO TAKE EMPLOYMENT WITH THE NEWHOUSE NATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

THREE ZERO SIX TWO RIVER ROAD, TOLEDO, OHIO. ON JAN.
TWENTYSIX, LAST [REDACTED]

ADVISED HE [REDACTED] RESIDENCE LOCATED AT THREE
ZERO SIX TWO RIVER ROAD AND IN JUNE, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN
RENTED THIS HOME TO CLAWSON. HE ADVISED CLAWSON REMAINED AS
A RENTER UNTIL HE MOVED HIS FAMILY FROM TOLEDO TO WASHINGTON,
D.C. WHERE CLAWSON HAD ACCEPTED A POSITION WITH THE WASHINGTON
POST NEWSPAPER.

HE STATED CLAWSON WAS A GOOD TENANT AND PRESENTED NO
PROBLEM TO HIM. HE ADVISED HE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT
CLAWSON'S WIFE HAD UNSUCCESSFULLY TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE
WHILE LIVING ON RIVER ROAD. HE STATED HE HAD NO FURTHER
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HE STATED HIS CONTACT WITH CLAWSON'S FAMILY HAD BEEN SLIGHT AND HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY INFORMATION THAT WOULD REFLECT UNFAVORABLY ON CLAWSON'S CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATIONS OR LOYALTY.

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ON JAN. TWENTYSIX, LAST

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE RECALLED CLAWSON LIVING AT THREE ZERO SIX TWO RIVER ROAD IN LATTER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND EARLY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. HE STATED HE CONSIDERED CLAWSON TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND THAT CLAWSON HELD A RESPONSIBLE POSITION WITH THE TOLEDO BLADE AND LEFT THE TOLEDO BLADE FOR A BETTER JOB IN WASHINGTON, D. C. HE ADVISED HIS CONTACT WITH CLAWSON INDICATED TO HIM THAT CLAWSON WAS A FINE PERSON IN EVERY RESPECT. HE STATED HE WAS AWARE OF THE FACT THAT CLAWSON'S WIFE ATTEMPTED TO COMMIT SUICIDE WHILE RESIDING AT THREE ZERO SIX TWO RIVER ROAD.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED SHE RECALLS THE CLAWSON FAMILY RESIDING AT THREE ZERO SIX TWO RIVER ROAD. SHE ADVISED SHE DID NOT GET TOO WELL ACQUAINTED WITH MR. CLAWSON BUT DID HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK TO MRS. CLAWSON AS MRS. CLAWSON AND THE CLAWSON CHILDREN WOULD COME OVER AND USE THE [REDACTED] SWIMMING POOL. SHE ADVISED MRS. CLAWSON WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO TALK TO IN THAT SHE SEEMED MOODY AND DEPRESSED ALL THE TIME. SHE ADVISED MRS. CLAWSON DID TRY TO COMMIT SUICIDE BY TURNING ON THE CAR'S MOTOR WHILE IT WAS PARKED IN THE GARAGE. SHE STATED HER CONTACT WITH THE CLAWSONS INDICATED CLAWSON AND HIS WIFE WERE APPARENTLY FINE PEOPLE IN EVERY RESPECT.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT SHE RECALLS THE CLAWSON FAMILY LIVING AT THREE ZERO SIX TWO RIVER ROAD.

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SHE ADVISED SHE DID NOT GET TO KNOW THEM VERY WELL AND, THEREFORE, COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THEM.

CREDIT AND ARRESTS

ON JAN. TWENTYSIX, LAST, [REDACTED]
(BOWLING GREEN, OHIO); BOWLING GREEN PD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BOWLING GREEN CREDIT BUREAU, ADVISED THAT THEY COULD LOCATE NO RECORD FOR CLAWSON IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FILES.

ON JAN. TWENTYFIVE, LAST, CANDY LE MOYNE, TOLEDO CREDIT BUREAU, ADVISED SC GARY D. SHINN THAT CLAWSON IS KNOWN TO CREDIT BUREAU. NO SUITS, COLLECTIONS OR JUDGEMENTS IN FILE.

ON JAN. TWENTYFIVE, LAST [REDACTED] TOLEDO PD RECORD BUREAU, ADVISED SC GARY D. SHINN CLAWSON WAS CITED FOR SPEEDING ON JAN. TWENTYONE, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE BUT CITATION WAS DISMISSED ON FEB. NINE, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. NO OTHER RECORD FOR CLAWSON.

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OR RECORD CONCERNING HIS WIFE.

ON JAN. TWENTYFIVE, LAST [REDACTED] LUCAS COUNTY
 SO. (TOLEDO) ADVISED SC GARY D. SHINN THAT THE RECORDS OF HIS
 OFFICE CONTAIN NO INFORMATION REGARDING CLAWSON OR WIFE.

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ON JAN. TWENTYSIX, LAST [REDACTED] MEDICAL RECORDS,
 ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL ADVISED THAT NANCY CLAWSON WAS HOSPITALIZED
 FROM ST. CHARLES ON APRIL TWENTYONE, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX TO
 MAY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX AND AGAIN FROM MAY TWENTYSIX,
 NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT TO MAY TWENTYSEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE PATIENT'S ADDRESS AT THE TIME OF THE
 FIRST HOSPITALIZATION WAS THREE ONE SIX COLONIAL DRIVE, MONROE,
 MICHIGAN AND THAT THE SECOND HOSPITALIZATION WAS THREE ZERO
 SIX TWO RIVER ROAD, TOLEDO. [REDACTED] ADVISED NO MORE INFORMATION
 COULD BE RELEASED PENDING MEDICAL RELEASE FORM.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-7987) (P)

KENNETH WADE CLAWSON
aka Ken W. Clawson
SPISA [redacted] ReButeletype dated 1/21/72, and WFO report of
[redacted] dated 1/28/72, both captioned above.LEADS: WFO: Will interview [redacted]
[redacted] U.S. Department of Justice, when avail-
able. Will interview [redacted]
[redacted] U.S. Department of Justice, when available.b6
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Residence of Appointee's

St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D.C., was interviewed
by SA [redacted] on 1/31/72.

[redacted] advised that [redacted]
date of birth [redacted] is currently [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that the name of the patient's
doctor as well as any other information could not be divulged
without written consent of the patient herself.

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Re Alexandria airtel to the Bureau dated 1/28/72.

Files of the [redacted] were
reviewed on January 28, 1972, and reflected no pertinent
identifiable information concerning the appointee or his
spouse.

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To: SAC, Washington Field
From: Director, FBI (161-8537)

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aka Ken W. Clawson
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Re Bureau telephone call today.

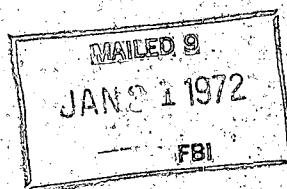
Background data just furnished by Clawson indicates

[redacted] Washington, D. C.

Neighbor in McLean, Virginia, has advised that [redacted] Washington, D. C.

D. C. [redacted] suicide
of [redacted] in 1968.

[redacted] also lists an additional reference as
employed by the Washington Post,
Washington, D. C.



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Els REDETEL TO BUREAU, JANUARY TWENTYSEVEN PAST.

ON PAGE SIX OF RE TELETYPE, ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR OF THE MONROE MICHIGAN PAPER IS JAK MINER. ON PAGE NINETEEN OF RE TEL, "MADIA" SHOULD BE MAFIA AND THE NEXT SENTENCE SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: [REDACTED] FELT THAT CLAWSON ASSOCIATING WITH THESE PEOPLE IN TOLEDO, OHIO, WAS DUE TO THE FACT HE WAS A NEWSPAPER REPORTER AND WAS NOT BECAUSE HE WAS ASSOCIATING WITH THEM IN ANY OTHER WAY.

REFERENCE, [REDACTED] OF THE DETROIT FREE PRESS WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW ON INSTANT DATE. [REDACTED] WILL BE INTERVIEWED FEBRUARY ONE, NEXT, AND TELETYPE SUBMITTED.

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THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SA [REDACTED]

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MICH., ADVISED JANUARY THIRTYONE, INSTANT, [REDACTED]

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MARRIED TO [REDACTED] RESIDES AT [REDACTED]

ERIE, MICHIGAN.

[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] ENJOYS A GOOD REPUTATION
IN THE COMMUNITY.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ADVISED ON INSTANT DATE THEY COULD
LOCATE NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH [REDACTED]
IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FILES:

[REDACTED] MONROE, MICH., POLICE DEPT.;
[REDACTED], MICHIGAN STATE POLICE, ERIE POST, ERIE, MICH.;
AND [REDACTED] MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE.

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RE DETROIT NITEL, JANUARY THIRTY ONE, LAST.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SA [redacted]

[redacted] AT DETROIT, MICH.: *Notifying*

Unfinished REFERENCE

[redacted] DETROIT FREE PRESS,

DETROIT, ADVISED ON JANUARY THIRTY ONE, LAST, THAT HE HAS RECENTLY
BEEN IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND HAD VISITED WITH THE APPOINTEE.

[redacted] HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY FOR APPROXIMATELY
SEVEN YEARS, AS PROFESSIONAL NEWSMEN AND FORMER CLASSMATES
AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY. [redacted] REMARKED THE APPOINTEE IS A
TOP NOTCH NEWSPAPERMAN WHO HAS GOOD RAPPORT WITH LEADERS IN
THE NEWSPAPER, BUSINESS AND POLITICAL FIELDS. [redacted] *W.M.*

ADVISED THE APPOINTEE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO IS A
DEDICATED, CONSCIENTIOUS MAN WHO IS INTELLIGENT AND RELIABLE. [redacted]

[redacted] HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THE APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST
AND CONFIDENCE.

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On January 31, 1972, SA [redacted] interviewed the following individuals at the United States Department of Justice (USDJ):

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[redacted] Criminal Division, stated the appointee has been known to him on a professional basis for about [redacted]. Until recently, [redacted] was the [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] was the [redacted] in charge of the Criminal Division. [redacted] resigned some months ago. [redacted] recalled that last fall

[redacted] was confined to a hospital with a back sprain. During this period the appointee once appeared at the Criminal Division and jokingly made the remark that [redacted]

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[redacted] was having "SHARP" pains or words to this effect and he implied he had heard this comment in the Press Room on the 5th floor of the Justice Building. [redacted] explained that during this period various newspapers were printing articles critical of [redacted] prior to coming to the USDJ, had represented a financier, [redacted] and it was in connection with this activity that the newspapers were intimating some sort of improper conduct on [redacted] part.

According to [redacted] he certainly did not consider the appointee's remark to be vindictive, improper, or sarcastic, and he attached no significance whatsoever to it. He went on to say the appointee's relations with the Criminal Division have always been cordial and appointee's conduct and demeanor have always been exemplary. He consider appointee to be a competent and ethical newsman whose stories are well researched and accurate. The appointee has always been fair and equitable in all his dealings. [redacted] mentioned that [redacted] after he resigned from the USDJ, was interviewed by appointee.

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Although [redacted] furnished considerable background data to appointee that, if published, could have been damaging to [redacted] this information was never published by appointee. This clearly reflected appointee is sensitive to the feelings of others. On the basis of [redacted] dealings with appointee, he considers him to be an upright and loyal citizen with unquestioned associates and morals. He recommended him for a position of trust and confidence in the Federal service.

[redacted] to the Assistant Attorney General, advised she was formerly the Secretary to the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division. She is casually acquainted with appointee who comes to the Criminal Division from time to time in connection with securing stories for the Washington Post. She has found him to be an upright and reputable person who has always been cordial, circumspect, and friendly. She is aware of nothing unfavorable concerning him. [redacted] indicated she could furnish no other information concerning appointee.

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Internal Security Division, advised he has known the appointee on a casual professional basis for about [redacted]. He recalled one instance when he had a telephone conversation with appointee shortly after the robbery of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Media, Pennsylvania, Office. On this occasion he furnished information to appointee for "guidance" and it was clearly understood by appointee and [redacted] that it would not published. This data concerned [redacted] and [redacted] who are wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as fugitives and the fact these individuals might make contact with a certain college professor in the Philadelphia area. The professor was then under

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office of [redacted] Justice
Department. This information was given to CLAWSON and several
other reporters on an "off the record" basis. The FBI had
been accused by the news media of conducting a political sur-
veillance on a college professor in the Philadelphia area.
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surveillance because the FBI was attempting to locate two
fugitives who reportedly were going to contact this professor.

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away" from this story. The day after CLAWSON published this
information, [redacted] called CLAWSON into his office and reprimanded
him for this story. CLAWSON explained to [redacted] that he did not
realize [redacted] did not want this story published. [redacted]
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at the news conference were upset that CLAWSON published the
information while they observed the instructions by [redacted]
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Residence of Appointee's [redacted]

[redacted] On 2/1/72 [redacted]

[redacted] Washington, D.C.,

(WDC), was interviewed by SA [redacted]
advised the following information was contained in her
record of [redacted] date of birth [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] as "adjustment
reaction of adolescence". On 6/29/71 [redacted]

[redacted] N.W., WDC. [redacted] advised no
further information could be released without the written
permission of the [redacted]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (161-1453) (RUC)

KENNETH WADE CLAWSON, aka
Ken W. Clawson
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Re Alexandria airtel to the Bureau dated 1/28/72,
and Bureau telcall to Alexandria, 1/31/72.

NEIGHBORHOOD

6611 Maugh Road
McLean, Virginia

The following investigation was conducted on 2/2/72,
by SA's [redacted] and [redacted]

follows: [redacted] advised as [redacted]

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Appointee, his wife NANCY and their four children moved into 6611 Maugh Road in May, 1968. Upon moving into the neighborhood NANCY had spoken to her concerning who to contact to have utilities hooked up and to have trash collected. NANCY appeared to be a well adjusted housewife and mother and exhibited no signs of depression. Approximately three weeks

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after moving into the neighborhood. NANCY committed suicide by auto exhaust asphyxiation. [redacted] advised that one morning she had observed a police car and an ambulance at the CLAWSON residence and thinking that she could be of assistance, she had gone to their home. Once there she observed NANCY CLAWSON dead in the CLAWSON car. [redacted]

[redacted] Other neighbors offered their assistance and were also rudely treated. Later that week she collected money and purchased flowers for the funeral; however, when she asked appointee where to send them, he advised that they were not necessary inasmuch as he had buried his wife the day after her demise. [redacted] and never received as much as a thank you from him. Shortly after his wife's death, approximately two or three months later, to her knowledge, he remarried. She advised she did not know the name of his second wife and that they, Mr. CLAWSON and his second wife [redacted] went to themselves and did not associate with the neighbors. [redacted] advised she did not personally like appointee due to his curtness and that would not comment further concerning him.

as follows: [redacted] advised

Appointee, his first wife NANCY, and their four children moved into the neighborhood during Memorial Day Weekend, 1968. He worked for the Washington Post newspaper and she was a homemaker. Approximately three weeks later, NANCY committed suicide by exhaust asphyxiation. Earlier in the week of NANCY's death, she [redacted]

[redacted] At that time they had chatted briefly and NANCY had not seemed despondant. She advised she was not at home at the time of NANCY's death; however, she had heard (source unrecalled) that appointee, who worked nights, had been advised by his wife, early in the morning, that she was going out. Sometime thereafter either he or one of the

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children went into the garage and discovered NANCY dead in the family car.

That evening she and her husband had gone to the CLAWSONS' to express their sympathy and to see if they could in some way help, such as sending in food. At that time he was very curt and stated that that would not be necessary inasmuch as he planned to have the funeral right away. She also advised that when other neighbors had attempted to help the family, they were similarly treated.

She further advised that shortly after NANCY's demise, rumors began in the neighborhood that there had been marital difficulties between appointee and his wife and that they had sought professional help in the form of a marriage counsellor where they had resided prior to coming to Virginia. It was further rumored that NANCY CLAWSON had been counseled by one [redacted] a [redacted] at a neighborhood Methodist church.

Shortly after NANCY's demise, approximately two to three months later, a young woman by the name of [redacted] (LNU) apparently began living at the CLAWSON residence. [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] drove a small light colored automobile, make unknown, and the car was observed in the driveway late at night and in the mornings when she arose for work between the hours of 6:30 to 7 a.m. She further advised CLAWSON's automobile would also be in the driveway and that prior to [redacted] coming on the scene, there had been only one car at the CLAWSONS. She advised the following March (1969) appointee and [redacted] secured the services of her [redacted] while they went to New York City to get a marriage license; however, they had been residing in the same house for a number of months prior to their marriage.

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[redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] and
has been since prior to Easter, 1970. She stated to her knowledge, [redacted] [redacted] She advised around Easter, 1970, [redacted] [redacted] and an unidentified Negro man were observed by a neighbor walking through the neighborhood. Shortly thereafter, her [redacted] [redacted] observed [redacted] peeking through the windows of the CLAWSON residence.

A few minutes later the CLAWSONS' Jamaican live-in maid (name unknown) was observed running across the front lawn screaming. Her blouse was ripped. [redacted] had gone to her assistance and had been informed that a "Black" man had come to the rear door of the CLAWSON residence and had stated that Mr. CLAWSON had sent him for some tools. He had then entered the residence and attacked the maid [redacted] [redacted] had upon hearing of the incident, called the police. [redacted] learned of the above after returning home from work. Later that evening she was speaking with a school teacher friend, [redacted]

[redacted] who advised her that at approximately noon a man was observed lying by the Franklin-Sherman Elementary School, Brawner Road, having convulsions. The principal had called the police and an ambulance responded immediately. While placing the man into the ambulance, a girl who looked like [redacted] ran across the parking lot and got into the ambulance with the man. At that point one of the CLAWSON boys (name unrecalled) stated, "That's my sister. What's she doing out?" [redacted] advised that the man subsequently died and that [redacted]

[redacted] She further advised that the above incident was featured in the newspaper at the time of its happening.

[redacted] advised appointee appeared to her as a very aloof individual and thus she could not comment on his professional ethics except to say he appeared to be a closed mouthed individual. She, however, advised that because of the fact that the other woman had moved in so soon after his first wife's demise, she had serious questions concerning his morals

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and that the feeling in the neighborhood was, "Could [redacted] have caused his wife to take her own life?" She stated she would not hire him for a position of trust and responsibility if the decision were hers to make.

She further advised her maid is presently residing in North Carolina (address unknown); however, one [redacted] [redacted] would know her whereabouts. She further advised CLAWSON's maid terminated her employment shortly after the attack.

She also advised that after NANCY's demise, a neighbor [redacted] for the CLAWSON children and could possibly provide accurate information concerning appointee's character, loyalty, reputation and character.

advised [redacted]

She had known of appointee through his younger children whom she [redacted] Franklin-Sherman Elementary School. and through conversations with his [redacted] neighbor, [redacted]

[redacted] She advised shortly after his first wife's suicide (two to three months later) another woman, [redacted] had moved into the CLAWSON residence. She advised she saw [redacted] go in and out of the house continually, and her car was in the driveway, and often times saw her carrying groceries into the house. Further, in conversation with a fellow

[redacted] she learned that one of the CLAWSON children had told her [redacted] that [redacted] was living there.

Subsequent to this statement, the child advised [redacted] that appointee and [redacted] were getting married. She also advised that the neighbors were all upset at appointee due to his actions at the time of his wife's death. They had attempted to offer their help and sympathies; however, he acted very rude and refused their assistance. She also advised he had buried his wife the day after her death and that it was rumored he

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was upset because he could not bury her the day she died without waiting for a casket.

[redacted] further advised that subsequent to his first wife's death, appointee's [redacted] was [redacted]

[redacted] further related that around Easter, 1970, [redacted]

[redacted] and came home with an unidentified man, who attacked the CLAWSON's former live-in maid. Subsequent to the attack, the man was observed having convulsions in front of the Franklin-Sherman Elementary School. The principal called the police and an ambulance and as the man was being placed in the ambulance, a girl came running across the parking lot and jumped into the ambulance. [redacted] had then stated, "That's my [redacted] What's she doing out?" The man subsequently died and the entire incident was reported in the local press.

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[redacted] advised that due to appointee's residing with [redacted] prior to their marriage and due to his daughter's drug abuse, she would not hire him were she in a position to do so.

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[redacted] advised as follows:

She moved into her home in September, 1969, at which time appointee was residing [redacted] 6611 Maugh. She advised, to her knowledge, he was married to a tall, thin strawberry blond, name unknown. Both appointee and his wife were very cold, distant persons, who did not associate with their neighbors. As neighbors they kept to themselves and were not well thought of in the neighborhood due to their unfriendly manner. She advised she heard rumors concerning appointee's first wife's death; however, since she had no first hand knowledge of the event, she would make no comment. She stated appointee has a [redacted]

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[redacted] stated she would not recommend appointee for a position with the government due to his unfriendly manner and poor reputation in the neighborhood.

[redacted] advised [redacted] presently resides at [redacted]
[redacted] and is employed by Hosiery Mill #2.

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[redacted] advised her [redacted]
[redacted] can be reached at: VPI, Room [redacted]
[redacted] telephone [redacted]

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TO DIRECTOR (BY COURIER)

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FROM ALEXANDRIA (161-1453)

KENNETH WADE CLAWSON, AKA KEN W. CLAWSON, SPECIAL INQUIRY,

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CLAWSON BORN AUG. SIXTEEN NINETEEN THIRTYSIX, MONROE, MICH., RESIDES MC LEAN, VA., AND HAD BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE QUOTE WASHINGTON POST UNQUOTE, A WASHINGTON, D.C., NEWSPAPER. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE CLAWSON RESIGNED TO BECOME DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, WHITE HOUSE OFFICE, EFFECTIVE FEB. SEVEN NINETEEN SEVENTYTWO.

CLAWSON'S FIRST WIFE, NANCY LEE, COMMITTED SUICIDE ON JUNE THIRTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS THEREAFTER HE MARRIED HIS PRESENT WIFE [REDACTED] NEIGHBORHOOD CONDUCTED AT RESIDENCE WHERE WIFE NANCY COMMITTED SUICIDE, REVEALED THAT NEIGHBORS DID NOT LIKE APPOINTEE DUE TO HIS CURTNESS AND RUDENESS AT THE TIME NEIGHBORS

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OFFERED ASSISTANCE UPON NANCY'S DEATH. THEY INDICATED THAT HE EXPRESSED INTENTION OF HAVING HIS FIRST WIFE BURIED THE SAME DAY OF HER DEATH WITHOUT BENEFIT OF CASKET AND DID, IN FACT, BURY HER THE NEXT DAY. NEIGHBORS ALSO INDICATED THAT SHORTLY AFTER FIRST WIFE'S DEATH, A WOMAN NAMED [REDACTED] BEGAN LIVING AT THE CLAWSON RESIDENCE AND BASED THIS STATEMENT ON FACT THAT THE VEHICLE DRIVEN BY [REDACTED] WAS IN THE DRIVEWAY AT THE RESIDENCE LATE AT NIGHT AND WAS STILL THERE IN THE MORNING WHEN THE OBSERVER AWOKE.

[REDACTED] USED TO [REDACTED] FOR THE CLAWSON CHILDREN. SHE PRESENTLY ATTENDS VPI, ROOM FIVE ZERO ZERO THREE WEST IMPLER JOHNSON HALL, BLACKSBURG, VA., TELEPHONE FIVE FIVE TWO DASH SEVEN SIX THREE FIVE.

CLAWSONS' [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE CLAWSONS' HAD A MAID WHO WAS FROM JAMAICA. THE MADE IS KNOWN TO [REDACTED] WHO WAS A [REDACTED] FOR ONE OF THE NEIGHBORS AND THE TWO WERE FRIENDS. [REDACTED] PRESENTLY RESIDES [REDACTED] AND IS
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EMPLOYED BY HOSIERY MILL NUMBER TWO.

RICHMOND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AND SUTEL RESULTS TO BUREAU.

CHARLOTTE INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AS TO HER KNOWLEDGE OF APPOINTEE'S

RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT SPOUSE PRIOR TO MARRIAGE. ALSO OBTAIN FROM
LEA IDENTITY AND LOCATION OF CLAWSON'S MAID AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE
LEAD TO HAVE HER INTERVIEWED. CHARLOTTE SUTEL RESULTS TO BUREAU. P.

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Elo KENNETH WADE CLAWSON, AKA. KEN W. CLAWSON, SPECIAL
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*MR. MARTIN
ROOM 1266*

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Intervenor CONTACTED INSTANT DATE AT HER RESIDENCE,

P.O. BOX FIVE THREE ZERO, YANCEYVILLE, N.C., AND ADVISED

SHE KNEW CLAWSON'S MAID IN MC LEAN, VA., AND THAT HER NAME WAS

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185 3736 BUT SHE ONLY KNEW HER FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH. *██████████*

ADVISED THAT SHE WAS A MAID FOR *██████████* AND THAT SHE

MET *██████████* ON AN AFTERNOON WHEN *██████████* CAME RUNNING OUT *██████████* NOT RECORDED

OF THE CLAWSON HOME AFTER BEING ATTACKED WITH A KNIFE BY A FEB 29 1972

YOUNG NEGRO MALE WHO WAS ATTEMPTING TO STEAL FROM THE CLAWSON *██████████*

RESIDENCE. *██████████* ADVISED THAT SHE LATER LEARNED THAT THE NEGRO

MALE WHO ATTACKED COLE WAS IDENTIFIED AS A BOY FRIEND OF CLAWSON'S

w OLDEST DAUGHTER, WHOM SHE HAD MET WHILE BEING CONFINED IN A

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[REDACTED] ADVISED

THE NEGRO MALE INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK LATER THE SAME DAY DIED FROM AN OVERDOSE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED SHE AND [REDACTED] HAD BEEN HIRED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE EMPLOYERS IN MC LEAN, VA., AFTER THE FIRST MRS.

CLAWSON HAD COMMITTED SUICIDE. [REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE UNDERSTOOD FROM PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT [REDACTED] HAD BEEN DATING THE SECOND [REDACTED] AS A GIRL FRIEND WHILE THE FIRST MRS. CLAWSON WAS STILL ALIVE. [REDACTED] STATED SHE UNDERSTOOD FROM HER EMPLOYERS THAT CLAWSON HAD WANTED TO BURY HIS FIRST WIFE THE DAY OF HER DEATH WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A COFFIN, BUT THE LAW WOULD NOT ALLOW IT.

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[REDACTED] WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED] BUT STATED SHE HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT SHE HAD GONE BACK TO JAMAICA. [REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE ONLY KNEW [REDACTED] FOR ONE MONTH AND THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW HER VERY WELL.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT [REDACTED] WAS ORIGINALLY TO HAVE WORKED IN THIS COUNTRY FOR [REDACTED] OF TOWN AND COUNTRY STORE, MC LEAN, VA., AND THAT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE MADE

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ARRANGEMENTS TO GET [REDACTED] TO THE UNITED STATES FROM JAMAICA.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT IT WAS HER UNDERSTANDING THAT WHEN [REDACTED]

ARRIVED IN THE U. S., THE [REDACTED] FAMILY HAD ALREADY HIRED
ANOTHER MAID AND THAT [REDACTED] THEN WENT TO WORK FOR THE CLAWSONS.

ALEXANDERIA AT MC LEAN WILL CONTACT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF TOWN AND COUNTRY STORE, MC LEAN, VA., IN AN
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED, UACB.

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KENNETH WADE CLAWSON, aka
Ken W. Clawson
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Re Alexandria airtel to the Bureau dated 2/3/72.
and Bureau telcall to Alexandria, 2/4/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy each of the
following:

Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department Report
reflecting a detention order placed for [redacted] on
3/6/70; Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Report reflecting
the circumstances surrounding an attack on CLAWSON's live-in
maid and the subsequent death of her assailant due to an
overdose of drugs on 3/26/70.

6611 Maugh Road

D.C. 20201, Va.

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KENNETH WADE CLAWSON, AKA., SPIN.

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AND NITEL TO BUREAU ON JAN. THIRTYONE, LAST.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

ON FEB. FOUR LAST [REDACTED] WHOSE FORMER RESIDENCE
WAS [REDACTED] ADVISED SHE

HAD KNOWN NANCY CLAWSON QUITE WELL DURING THE TIME THE
CLAWSON FAMILY LIVED AT THREE ZERO SIX TWO RIVER RD.

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SHE STATED SHE AND NANCY WERE GOOD FRIENDS AND NANCY FEB 29 1972
OFTEN CONFIDED THINGS TO HER, [REDACTED] THAT NANCY DID NOT
DISCUSS WITH THE OTHER NEIGHBORS.

[REDACTED] ADVISED SHE KNEW THE CLAWSON'S HAD MARITAL PROBLEMS
IN THAT ONE DAY NANCY CAME TO HER HOME CRYING AND SAID SHE HAD
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FOUNDED OUT THAT HER [REDACTED] WAS HAVING AN AFFAIR WITH
ANOTHER WOMAN. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT APPARENTLY THIS WAS A
SEXUAL AFFAIR BECAUSE NANCY HAD ALSO STATED DURING THE SAME
VISIT THAT HER HUSBAND HAD HAD NO SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH HER
FOR "QUITE AWHILE."

[REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT SHE WAS ALSO AWARE OF THIS
AFFAIR BECAUSE THE CLAWSON'S ONLY HAD ONE CAR THAT NANCY
USED ALL THE TIME. SHE STATED THAT SOMEONE ELSE USED TO
DRIVE CLAWSON HOME FROM WORK LATE AT NIGHT AND PARK THE CAR
IN A CHURCH PARKING LOT NEAR HER BEDROOM WINDOW. SHE STATED
THAT CLAWSON WOULD SOMETIMES STAY IN THE CAR FOR ONE OR TWO
HOURS BEFORE HE WOULD GET OUT AND GO INTO HIS RESIDENCE.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT NANCY TOLD HER THE GIRL HER HUSBAND
WAS HAVING THE AFFAIR WITH WORKED AT THE TOLEDO BLADE. [REDACTED]

STATED SHE WAS AWARE OF THE FACT THAT NANCY ATTEMPTED TO COMMIT
SUICIDE BY LETTING HER CAR RUN IN THEIR CLOSED-UP GARAGE.

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[REDACTED] STATED SHE WAS OUT OF TOWN IN VACATION AT THE TIME SO SHE DID NOT HAVE THE FULL FACTS CONCERNING THIS. SHE STATED SHE RECALLED THAT THIS HAPPENED WHEN CLAWSON ALREADY LEFT TOLEDO TO GO TO WASHINGTON BU HAD NOT YET MOVED HIS FAMILY TO WASHINGTON. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE BELIEVED THE OLDEST CLAWSON CHILD HAD STOPPED THE SUICIDE. [REDACTED] ADVISED SHE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT NANCY HAD BEEN HOSPITALIZED AFTER THIS ATTEMPT.

[REDACTED] ADVISED SHE DID NOT KNOW CLAWSON VERY WELL BUT STATED SHE DID NOT THINK VERY MUCH OF CLAWSON IN THAT CLAWSON WAS "CHEATING" ON HIS WIFE AND THAT CAUSED HIS WIFE TO COMMIT SUICIDE. [REDACTED] ADVISED SHE LEARNED LATER THAT NANCY HAD

COMMITTED SUICIDE IN VIRGINIA. ON FEB. SEVEN, LAST, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON [REDACTED] ADVISED SHE HAD KNOWN NANCY CLAWSON DURING THE TIME THE CLAWSON'S LIVED ON RIVER RD. BEHIND THE [REDACTED] RESIDENCE.

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SHE ADVISED SHE DID NOT KNOW CLAWSON VERY WELL. SHE STATED SHE HAD HEARD FROM AN UNRELIABLE SOURCE THAT KENNETH CLAWSON WAS RUNNING AROUND WITH ANOTHER WOMAN BUT ADVISED SHE HAD NO ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF THIS. SHE STATED ALSO THAT SHE HAD HEARD THAT NANCY TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE TOO BUT HEARD IT AFTER THE CLAWSON'S HAD LEFT TOLEDO. SHE ADVISED SHE HAD NOT HEARD HOW THE SUICIDE ATTEMPT HAD BEEN STOPPED IN TOLEDO. SHE STATED SHE DID NOT KNOW CLAWSON WELL ENOUGH TO MAKE ANY OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING HIS CHARACTER, REPUTATION, OR ASSOCIATIONS.

ON FEB SEVEN LAST

PRESENTLY RESIDING

AT [REDACTED] AND WHO FORMERLY

RESIDED AT [REDACTED] STATED SHE HAD BEEN

GOOD FRIENDS WITH NANCY CLAWSON WHEN THE CLAWSON'S LIVED AT THREE ZERO SIX TWO RIVER RD. SHE ADVISED, HOWEVER, SHE HARDLY KNEW KENNETH CLAWSON. SHE STATED SHE AND NANCY BECAME VERY CLOSE FRIENDS AND NANCY HAD TOLD HER THAT KENNETH HAD

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BECOME INVOLVED WITH ANOTHER WOMAN WHO WORKED AT THE BLADE WITH HIM. SHE STATED SHE DID NOT KNOW THE NAME OF THIS OTHER GIRL BUT ADVISED THAT ONE TIME SHE ATTENDED A PARTY AT THE CLAWSON'S AND THE OLDEST CLAWSON DAUGHTER FOUND KENNETH AND THE OTHER WOMAN EMBRACING. SHE STATED THE DAUGHTER MADE SUCH A SCENE CONCERNING THIS THAT THE PARTY HAD TO BREAK UP. SHE STATED THAT WHEN KENNETH TOOK THE JOB IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE WENT TO WASHINGTON AND LEFT HIS FAMILY IN TOLEDO. SHE STATED THAT NANCY TOLD HER THAT SHE, NANCY, DROVE TO WASHINGTON FROM TOLEDO TO VISIT HER HUSBAND AND FOUND OUT THAT KENNETH AND ANOTHER WOMAN WERE LIVING TOGETHER AS MAN AND WIFE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED SHE DID NOT KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE WOMAN NOR DID SHE THINK NANCY HAD CONFIDED IN ANYONE ELSE CONCERNING THIS.

SHE STATED SHE KNEW NANCY TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE IN TOLEDO BY PARKING HER CAR IN THE GARAGE AND LETTING THE MOTOR RUN.

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SHE ADVISED SHE DID NOT KNOW HOW THIS ATTEMPT WAS STOPPED OR IF NANCY WAS HOSPITALIZED AFTER THE ATTEMPT. SHE STATED SHE BLAMED CLAWSON AND HIS ACTIONS FOR NANCY'S ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

SHE STATED SHE DID NOT FEEL SHE COULD MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING CLAWSON AFTER THE WAY HE HAD TREATED HIS WIFE IN TOLEDO, OHIO.

MISCELLANEOUS

ON FEB. FOUR, LAST, A REVIEW OF THE RECORDS OF THE TOLEDO GENEALOGICAL SECTION OF THE TOLEDO LIBRARY AND TOLEDO NEWSPAPERS FOR MAY TWENTYSEVEN AND TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT BY SC GARY SHINN WAS NEGATIVE AS TO ANY REPORT OF ATTEMPTED SUICIDE BY NANCY CLAWSON.

ON FEB. FOUR, LAST, A REVIEW OF ALL LOGICAL RECORDS OF THE TOLEDO PD, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION AND RECORDS BUREAU
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BY [REDACTED] WAS NEGATIVE AS TO ANY POLICE REPORT OF ATTEMPTED SUICIDE BY NANCY CLAWSON AT THE RESIDENCE LOCATED AT [REDACTED] ADVISED IF AN ATTEMPTED SUICIDE HAD BEEN REPORTED TO THE PD IT WOULD BE IN THE RECORDS REVIEWED.

THE BUREAU SHOULD NOTE THAT [REDACTED] TOLEDO, BLADE, REMARKS ON JAN. TWENTYSIX, LAST, TO THE EFFECT THAT CLAWSON WAS SEEING HIS PRESENT WIFE SOCIAILY AND HIS REMARKS CONCERNING "LIBRARY ACQUAINTANCE" INDICATES CLAWSON WAS SEXUALLY INVOLVED WITH [REDACTED]

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THE BUREAU SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT THERE WAS AN ERROR IN THE TRANSCRIPTION OF THAT PART OF THE REFERENCED CLEVELAND NITEL REPORTING THE CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] OF ST. CHARLE'S HOSPITAL. THE CORRECT INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] WAS TO THE EFFECT THAT RECORDS OF ST. CHARLE'S HOSPITAL INDICATED NANCY CLAWSON WAS HOSPITALIZED AT ST. CHARLE'S FROM

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APRIL TWENTYONE, SIXTYSIX TO MAY FOURTEEN, SIXTYSIX; AND AGAIN FROM MAY TWENTYSIX, SIXTYEIGHT TO MAY TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST HOSPITALIZATION NANCY CLAWSON RESIDED AT THREE ONE SIX COLONIAL DRIVE, MONROE, MICHIGAN AND DURING THE SECOND HOSPITALIZATION HER ADDRESS WAS LISTED AS THREE ZERO SIX TWO RIVER RD. TOLEDO, OHIO. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT NO MORE INFORMATION COULD BE FURNISHED PENDING THE RECEIPT OF A MEDICAL RELEASE WAIVER FORM. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO [REDACTED] THAT THE PATIENT WAS NOW DECEASED AND SHE IN TURN ADVISED THAT THE HOSPITAL WOULD ACCEPT A MEDICAL RELEASE WAIVER FURNISHED BY THE PATIENT'S HUSBAND AT THE TIME OF HOSPITALIZATION.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TO DIRECTOR
FROM RICHMOND (161-1237)

KENNETH WADE CLAWSON, AKA KEN W. CLAWSON, SPECIAL INQUIRY,
BUDED PAST.

MR. MARTIN
ROOM 1246

El Santino *you*
RE ALEXANDRIA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, FEB. THREE LAST.

[redacted] VPISU,

BLACKSBURG, VA., ADVISED THIS DATE SHE IS PRESENTLY A GRADUATE STUDENT AT THE ABOVE SCHOOL, AND DURING JUNE SIXTYEIGHT, APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS FOLLOWING APPOINTEE'S WIFE'S SUICIDE, SHE ACCEPTED FULL TIME JOB OF BABYSITTING FOR HIM.

CARR DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS BEING RUDE, CURT, AND DISAGREEABLE IN HIS DEALINGS WITH HER AND ALSO SHE CHARACTERIZED APPOINTEE AS BEING A REAL CHEAP SKATE.

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[redacted] STATED THAT SHE RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY FIVE DOLLARS A DAY FOR EIGHT HOURS, AND THAT SHE HAD TO TRANSPORT APPOINTEE'S
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CHILDREN TO VARIOUS PLACES IN THE MC LEAN, VA., AREA AS WELL AS DO THE SHOPPING, UTILIZING HER OWN TRANSPORTATION AND APPOINTEE DID NOT REIMBURSE HER.

[REDACTED] RELATED APPOINTEE'S [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INDICATED APPOINTEE WAS DATING [REDACTED]

LAST NAME NOT RECALLED, PRIOR TO THE TIME OF HIS WIFE'S SUICIDE. HE SUBSEQUENTLY MARRIED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED THAT APPOINTEE'S CHILDREN INDICATED THAT [REDACTED] VISITED THEIR HOME AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY AND NIGHT, AND ON ONE OCCASION, [REDACTED] WAS AT THE CLAWSON'S RESIDENCE EARLY IN THE A.M. WHEN SHE, [REDACTED] REPORTED TO WORK.

[REDACTED] ADDED THAT ON ONE OCCASION, APPOINTEE WANTED HER TO BABYSIT WITH HIS CHILDREN FOR AN ENTIRE WEEK END AS HE WANTED TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK TO MEET [REDACTED] BUT SHE REFUSED AND APPOINTEE BECAME INFURIATED.

[REDACTED] ADDED SHE DID NOT CONSIDER APPOINTEE TO BE A GOOD FATHER AND THOUGH HE NEVER BEAT HIS CHILDREN IN HER PRESENCE

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HE WAS VERY UNPLEASANT TO THE CHILDREN AND VERY SHORT AND AGGRESSIVE WITH THEM.

[REDACTED] STATED FURTHER APPOINTEE BELONGED TO A SWIM CLUB IN THE MC LEAN, VA., AREA, AND REFUSED TO PAY A MEMBERSHIP FOR THE YOUNGEST CHILD, AND ALWAYS HAD ONE OF THE CHILDREN SNEAK IN WITH THE REST WHEN THEY WENT TO THE SWIM CLUB.

[REDACTED] STATED IN AUGUST OF SIXTYEIGHT, SHE TERMINATED HER EMPLOYMENT TO PREPARE TO RETURN TO COLLEGE AND SHE HAS HAD NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH APPOINTEE SINCE THAT TIME.

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TO: SAC, WFO
FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (161-1453) (RUC)
Els
KENNETH WADE ^Q CLAWSON, aka
Ken W. Clawson
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BUDED: PAST

Re Charlotte teletype to Alexandria dated 2/4/72, and
Alexandria telcall to WFO (SA [redacted]) 2/8/72.

Inquiry with [redacted]
[redacted] determined the following:

In 1969 he had arranged to have [redacted] transported from Jamaica as a domestic. Upon her arrival he was in no position to hire her and she was placed with (FNU) CLAWSON in McLean, Virginia. He related she stayed with CLAWSON for approximately ten months and then moved to the District of Columbia, where she is now residing and employed (employer unknown).

He advised she presently resides at [redacted]
telephone [redacted] Further, she
can be reached at home after 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Will interview [redacted] concerning any information she might have regarding the demise of appointee's first wife, NANCY.

Will ascertain the circumstances surrounding the attack on [redacted] by [redacted] on 3/26/70. b7D

Will determine if appointee's present wife, [redacted] moved into appointee's residence shortly after the demise of his first wife and remained there until their marriage in March, 1969.

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Date: 2/10/72

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-8537)

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-7987) (RUC)

KENNETH WADE CLAWSON, aka,
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Re Alexandria airtel dated 2/8/72,

[redacted] was interviewed by
SA's [redacted] and [redacted] on 2/9/72. [redacted]

[redacted] advised she was a [redacted] for Mr. and Mrs.

KENNETH CLAWSON at their McLean, Va., home from August, 1969,
to June, 1970.b6
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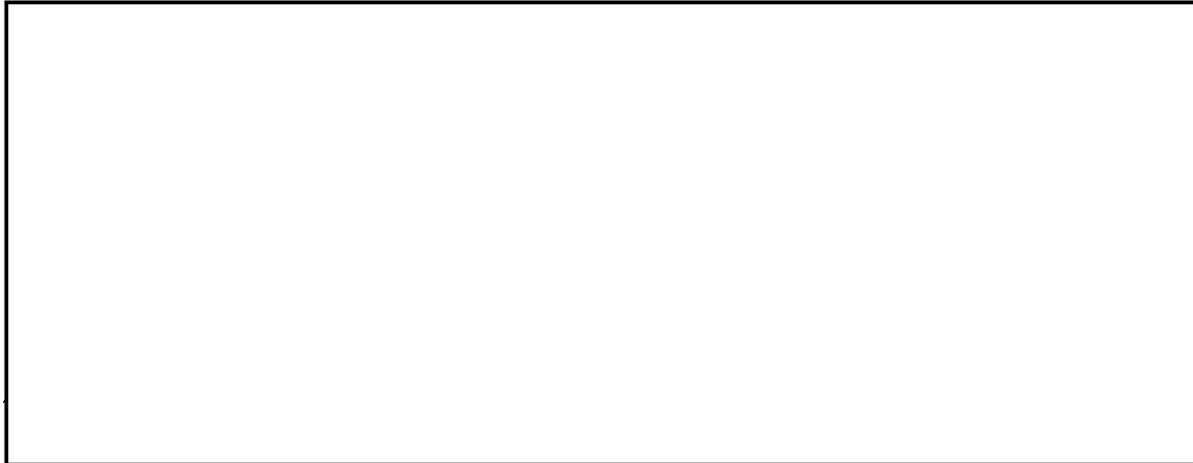
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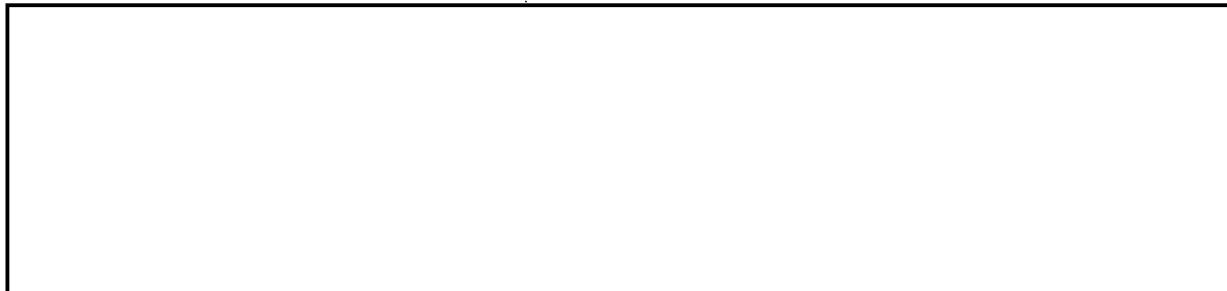
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[redacted] described the CLAWSONS as nice people. She referred to Mr. CLAWSON as a lovely man who was always kind to her. She liked him from the first day they met. He was a good husband and father. Mrs. CLAWSON was also a good lady. She treated the three children that lived in the house as if they were her own.

[redacted] advised she knew of no information concerning the death of CLAWSON's first wife or of any pre-marital relationship between CLAWSON and his present wife.

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She vouched for the character, associates, reputation and loyalty of both Mr. and Mrs. CLAWSON. She advised having no reason not to recommend appointee for a position of trust with the Federal Government.

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1 - [redacted]
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Martin
1 - Mr. Young

IVC to WH
3-25-76 RE: eqw

February 17, 1972

BY LIAISON

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**Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.**

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of investigation concerning Mr. Kenneth Wade Clawson in accordance with a request received from you on January 21, 1972.

It is noted by letter dated January 11, 1972, you were furnished the results of a very limited check concerning Mr. Clawson in which no open inquiries were made.

Sincerely yours,

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An Applicant-type investigation was conducted in 1972 concerning [redacted] [redacted]. The results of this investigation were furnished to the White House. For detailed results of this investigation, you are referred to [redacted] at the White House.

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I - MR. BLOOM

February 16, 1972

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KENNETH WADE CLAWSON

Summary

2/17/76 Commerce

2/5/76 as THE INVESTIGATION OF MR. CLAWSON COVERED INQUIRIES AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY, ABILITY, AND GENERAL STANDING, BUT NO INQUIRIES WERE MADE AS TO THE SOURCES OF HIS INCOME.

I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Birth

Mr. Clawson was born on August 16, 1936, in Monroe, Michigan. He is better known by his by-line, Ken W. Clawson.

Education

850 Merriewood Lane
McLean, Va.

Mr. Clawson attended Monroe High School, Monroe, Michigan, from September, 1950, to June, 1954, when he was graduated.

From September, 1966, to June, 1967, Mr. Clawson attended Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, as a Nieman Fellow.

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Employment

From June, 1954, to August, 1954, Mr. Clawson was employed as a laborer by the Knowlton Construction Company, Bowling Green, Ohio.

From September, 1954, to October, 1963, he was employed by the "Monroe Evening News," a daily newspaper published in Monroe, Michigan, as a reporter, advertising manager, and editor.

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Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Bishop _____
Mr. Miller, E.S. _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Dalbey _____
Mr. Cleveland _____
Mr. Ponder _____
Mr. Bates _____
Mr. Waikart _____
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Kenneth Wade Clawson

From October, 1963, to February, 1968, he was employed by the "Toledo Blade," a daily newspaper published in Toledo, Ohio, as a reporter, assistant city editor, and labor editor. He was on leave of absence from September, 1966, to June, 1967.

From March, 1968, to January, 1972, Mr. Clawson was employed by "The Washington Post," a daily newspaper published in Washington, D. C., as an assistant national editor and a national correspondent.

On January 21, 1972, it was announced that Mr. Clawson resigned his position with "The Washington Post" to become Deputy Director of Communications for the Executive Branch, The White House Office, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D. C., effective February 7, 1972.

Marital Status

Mr. Clawson's first wife, Nancy Henneman Clawson, committed suicide in McLean, Virginia, on June 13, 1968. The records of the Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department indicate that on the morning of June 13, 1968, Nancy Clawson, 6611 Maugh Road, McLean, Virginia, was found dead on the front seat of her car in a locked garage attached to the house. She died of carbon monoxide poisoning. Mr. Clawson advised the authorities that he returned home late on the evening of June 12, 1968, and he and his wife retired. He stated that when he awoke in the morning she was gone and she was discovered in the garage by a son. The records indicate that Nancy Clawson had a history of psychological problems and was then receiving treatment from a psychiatrist. Her death was ruled a suicide.

Mr. Clawson married the former [redacted] on March 16, 1969. He resides with her at 850 Merriewood Lane, McLean, Virginia. Three of his minor children by his first marriage, [redacted] and [redacted] reside with him and his wife.

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[redacted] Washington,
D. C., indicate Mr. Clawson's [redacted] by his first
marriage, [redacted] aged [redacted] was [redacted]
[redacted] on October 9, 1969, by
her father. [redacted] on June 29.
1971, and presently [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that no additional information can be made available without the written consent of the patient and her parents.

II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Interviews

[redacted] "The Washington Post," Washington, D. C., advised he was casually acquainted with Mr. Clawson on a professional basis until March 1968 when he hired Mr. Clawson to work for the Post. [redacted] stated that he holds Mr. Clawson in high regard and evaluated him as a dedicated professional journalist. He said he considers Mr. Clawson "the straightest, fairest, and hardest working newspaperman" he has ever known. He stated Mr. Clawson reports facts and does not flavor or exaggerate his stories. He advised that his news stories contain no private or personal opinion. He stated that, based on Mr. Clawson's attitude and professionalism, he has been able to report on and earn the respect of high officials in the present Administration. He said Mr. Clawson is an honest man who has a highly developed sense of right and wrong and strictly adheres to professional ethics. As an example,

[redacted] advised that Mr. Clawson was reluctant to secure any assistance in placing his [redacted] in an already [redacted].

He stated that he, [redacted] interceded on behalf of Mr. Clawson because Mr. Clawson voiced concern that if he approached the officials of the institution it might appear that he was "pressuring them" for special favors. [redacted] said he is also acquainted with the present Mrs. Clawson and considers her a fine lady with a good reputation. He made favorable comments concerning Mr. Clawson's character, loyalty, reputation, and associates. [redacted] stated he would recommend Mr. Clawson for his present appointment, but did so reluctantly as he did not want Mr. Clawson to leave the staff of the Post.

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[redacted]

"The Washington Post," Washington, D. C., advised he has known Mr. Clawson since early 1968. He stated Mr. Clawson has handled his duties in an outstanding manner and is "the finest journalist we have." He stated Mr. Clawson writes in simple declarative sentences, which is the true mark of a good journalist. He stated Mr. Clawson is an honest, decent, and "first-rate" human being who is fair and unbiased in his writings. He said Mr. Clawson is very ethical and holds himself apart from any possible conflict of interest. He advised that Mr. Clawson is a bright and intelligent individual who has matured beyond his age, and his character, reputation, loyalty, and associates are above reproach. He stated Mr. Clawson is one of the few reporters ever able to maintain a "significant relationship" with the present Administration, and officials of the Post did not want him to leave that employment. He highly recommended Mr. Clawson for a position of trust with the United States Government.

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[redacted] the "Toledo Blade," Toledo, Ohio, advised he was acquainted with Mr. Clawson from 1963 to 1968, when Mr. Clawson was employed by the Blade.

[redacted] stated that if Mr. Clawson was to apply for reemployment with the Blade there would be some question as to whether or not he would be rehired due to the fact that he left the Blade for employment with "The Washington Post" so soon after he returned from Harvard University, where he was a Nieman Fellow from September, 1966, to June, 1967. [redacted] stated that the Blade had supplemented Mr. Clawson's income while he attended Harvard University and also furnished him a car to use while there. He stated, however, that due to his superior ability as a reporter he believes Mr. Clawson would be rehired. He described Mr. Clawson as a highly competent newspaperman who is well trained in every facet of news gathering and reporting. He stated he has never had any reason to doubt Mr. Clawson's ethics or integrity and believes him to be a loyal American whose character, reputation, and associates are above question. He recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

[redacted] the "Toledo Blade," Toledo, Ohio, advised that he worked with Mr. Clawson from June, 1967, to February, 1968, following Mr. Clawson's return from Harvard University, which he attended as a Nieman Fellow. He said Mr. Clawson worked as an assistant city editor and as the labor writer for the Blade. He stated Mr. Clawson was an

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excellent newspaperman who was extremely ambitious and seemed to be "determined to get the best job and get the best story." He said Mr. Clawson always performed in an ethical manner since, due to his professional ability, he did not have to resort to unethical tactics.

[redacted] advised that, although Mr. Clawson never mentioned it, he is sure Mr. Clawson was seeing his present wife "socially" while he was still married to his first wife and residing in Toledo. [redacted] said that when he heard of the suicide of Mr. Clawson's first wife he did not connect it with Mr. Clawson's "affair" with [redacted] who was also employed by the Blade at the same time as Mr. Clawson. [redacted] stated Mr. Clawson had reputable associates and is a loyal American, and with the exception of Mr. Clawson's "affair" with his present wife, he considers Mr. Clawson to be a person of excellent character and reputation. He stated he would recommend Mr. Clawson for a position with the United States Government.

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[redacted] Washington, D. C., Washington correspondent for the "Toledo Blade," was interviewed in Washington, D. C., and advised that he has been closely associated with Mr. Clawson since 1963 as Mr. Clawson was under his direct supervision during the entire period Mr. Clawson was employed by the Blade. He stated he frequently socialized with Mr. Clawson and his first wife, Nancy, and described them as being "a wonderful couple and good family people." He said he also knows Mr. Clawson's present wife, [redacted] as she was also employed by the Blade in Toledo during the 1960's. He stated he has the highest regard for her, both as a lady and as a fellow journalist.

[redacted] advised that Mr. Clawson's work performance as a reporter and as an editor was outstanding. He said Mr. Clawson also possesses administrative ability and is adept at communicating with people. He stated Mr. Clawson is ambitious, sets high goals for himself, and is articulate, stable, and mature. He also stated Mr. Clawson is a man of integrity who is idealistic and honest. He commented favorably concerning Mr. Clawson's character, reputation, loyalty, and associates, and stated he would highly recommend him for any job requiring excellent journalistic ability as well as responsibility.

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[redacted] to the President.
The White House Office, Washington, D. C., advised that he [redacted] b6
first became acquainted with Mr. Clawson approximately a year [redacted] b7C
and a half ago when Mr. Clawson was writing an "in-depth" [redacted] b7D
story about him which was published in "The Washington Post."
He stated they have had continuing professional and social
contact since that time. [redacted] stated he personally
recommended Mr. Clawson for a position on The White House staff.

[redacted] advised that over the years the Post has been
critical of the present Administration on various issues and
has also been critical of the Department of Justice and the
FBI. He stated he does not believe Mr. Clawson shares the
views as expressed by the Post in such matters and believes
him to be a very fair-minded person who is objective in his
writings. [redacted] stated that, to his knowledge, Mr. Clawson
is very happily married to his present wife. He stated
Mr. Clawson's first wife committed suicide several years ago
and it is his understanding she had mental problems for a
number of years. He advised the suicide caused some problems
with the children and he believes [redacted]

[redacted] He said he believes the
other children have adjusted to the situation and the Clawsons'
homelife is now a wholesome one. [redacted] stated Mr. Clawson
is a loyal American citizen and will be an asset to The White
House staff. He highly recommended him for a position of trust
and responsibility.

[redacted] information,
Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., advised he has been
acquainted with Mr. Clawson on a professional basis since early
1970, when Mr. Clawson began covering the Department of Justice
for the Post. He stated Mr. Clawson gives every indication of
being a loyal American whose morals and associates are above
question. He also stated Mr. Clawson is a conscientious and
hardworking newsman.

[redacted] recalled that in October, 1970,
[redacted] held a press conference
in Indianapolis, Indiana, during which he made reference to
vigilante activities. Mr. Clawson then wrote a story covering
the press conference which appeared in the Post in which he
misquoted the Attorney General. As a result, much criticism
of the Attorney General appeared in the Post portraying the
Attorney General in an unfavorable light based on the incorrect
information in Mr. Clawson's article. [redacted] advised that

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[redacted] wrote a letter to the Post advising them of Mr. Clawson's distortion of the Attorney General's remarks and "set the record straight" based on a tape recording of the original statements made by the Attorney General. The Post then publicly admitted the misquote and expressed regret for the error. [redacted] made available a copy of Mr. Clawson's article which appeared in the Post of October 17, 1970, captioned "Mitchell Says U. S. Citizens Might Use Vigilante Tactics," a copy of which is enclosed. He also made available a copy of [redacted] letter as it appeared in the Post of October 25, 1970, and the retraction by the Post which appeared in the same issue, a copy of which is enclosed.

[redacted] stated that, on another occasion, [redacted] furnished items of information to Mr. Clawson on a confidential basis with the request that they not be printed. This occurred shortly after the burglary of the FBI Resident Agency in Media, Pennsylvania. He said one of these confidential items concerned the [redacted] of [redacted] who had been under investigation by the FBI. Another item involved an investigation of [redacted] and [redacted] who were FBI fugitives, and the fact that there were indications they might contact a certain college professor in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, area who was being followed by the FBI in an effort to apprehend the fugitives. [redacted] said the item concerning Representative [redacted] was later published in the Post under the by-line of [redacted] and the item concerning the fugitives was published under the by-lines of [redacted] and Mr. Clawson. He stated that, when confronted concerning these matters, Mr. Clawson denied any recollection that the two items had been furnished to him on a confidential basis and were not to be published. [redacted] advised that the information had been furnished to Mr. Clawson so he would have a better understanding with regard to the various stolen FBI documents that were being circulated to newspaper publishers throughout the country.

[redacted] also described another incident wherein Mr. Clawson had an interview with Attorney General Mitchell immediately following which he went to [redacted] then Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division, and told [redacted] that the Attorney General had

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authorized him, Mr. Clawson, to be briefed on a highly confidential matter then being handled by the Civil Rights Division. [redacted] without the verification of the Attorney General, furnished information to Mr. Clawson regarding that situation. It was later ascertained Mr. Clawson did not have the authorization of the Attorney General to receive the data which was furnished to him.

[redacted] stated that the incidents related by him, in his opinion, indicate the use of bad judgment and a lack of professional ethics and basic integrity on the part of Mr. Clawson. He said he is aware that reporters from time to time resort to devious means in order to secure stories. He said, however, he feels Mr. Clawson's activities, as described by him, [redacted] exceeded normal bounds and could even be construed as an adverse reflection on his basic honesty. He stated he would not hire Mr. Clawson as a member of his own staff and, if it were his decision to make, would not hire him for the position for which he is presently being considered.

[redacted]
Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., advised he has known Mr. Clawson on a casual and professional basis for about eighteen months. [redacted] corroborated the information furnished by [redacted] stating that he furnished the items in question to Mr. Clawson for "guidance" and it was clearly understood that the information would not be published. He said that following the publishing of the information he confronted Mr. Clawson about the breach of confidence, at which time Mr. Clawson stated that another reporter must have overheard their conversations. [redacted] said he does not believe that explanation and is of the opinion Mr. Clawson disclosed the data with full knowledge it was given to him on a confidential basis. [redacted] advised that during his telephone conversation with Mr. Clawson, when Mr. Clawson was furnished the items in question, [redacted] as well as [redacted] to the President, was listening to their conversation on telephone extensions. [redacted] said he considers Mr. Clawson's activities in this regard to be a serious reflection on his professional ethics and basic honesty. He stated that since he is only casually acquainted with Mr. Clawson he is unable to comment concerning his loyalty, reputation, or associates. He stated, however, in view of the aforementioned incident he would not endorse Mr. Clawson for a high Government position.

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[redacted] to the President, The White House Office, Washington, D. C., advised that he recalls the incident wherein Mr. Clawson reported information he had received from Assistant Attorney General Mardian which had been given to him on an "off-the-record" basis.

[redacted] said that following the publishing of the information he reprimanded Mr. Clawson, at which time Mr. Clawson explained to him that he did not realize [redacted] did not want the items published. [redacted] said he feels Mr. Clawson was sincere in his explanation and did not consider his actions a breach of ethics. [redacted] stated he would favorably recommend Mr. Clawson for a position of trust with the United States Government.

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[redacted] Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., and [redacted] Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, advised he has known Mr. Clawson on a professional basis since early 1970. [redacted] stated that in the Fall of 1970, following the ordering of massive integration of public schools in the South, he, [redacted] drew up a confidential plan which called for the sending of hundreds of Federal law enforcement officers and attorneys to the South to oversee the integration process and render any necessary aid. He said he furnished a copy of this plan, including the number of individuals who would be sent on the mission, to the Attorney General. He said no one else was informed of that project. He stated that shortly thereafter Mr. Clawson came to his office and said he had just had an interview with the Attorney General. [redacted] said he and Mr. Clawson had a friendly general discussion and then Mr. Clawson asked [redacted] how many Federal representatives were being sent to the South. [redacted] said he was "taken aback" by the question since only he and the Attorney General knew of the existence of this plan. [redacted] advised that he immediately assumed that the Attorney General had briefed Mr. Clawson concerning the project whereupon he furnished Mr. Clawson the number of individuals involved which Mr. Clawson immediately published in the Post. [redacted] stated when the Attorney General saw the information in the press he criticized [redacted] for disclosing the data and he. [redacted]

[redacted] informed the Attorney General of his [redacted] discussion of the matter with Mr. Clawson. [redacted] stated he subsequently discussed the disclosure with Mr. Clawson and Mr. Clawson stated he had merely guessed that Federal officials would be sent to oversee the integration of the schools.

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[redacted] also advised that during the earlier discussion with Mr. Clawson, Mr. Clawson did not indicate, either directly or indirectly, that he had been authorized by the Attorney General to discuss the matter. He stated Mr. Clawson gave no indication that the Attorney General had informed him of the existence of the project and he, [redacted] was at fault for the disclosure as he assumed

Mr. Clawson had been told about the project when actually Mr. Clawson had merely made an educated guess. [redacted] said Mr. Clawson acted properly in this instance and was not being devious or tricky. He praised Mr. Clawson's astuteness in the situation since he was the only newsman who was able to "figure out" the matter through his own ingenuity.

[redacted] described Mr. Clawson as being an excellent newspaperman who is fair and equitable in dealing with others. He said Mr. Clawson is friendly and affable and is sensitive to the feelings of others. He stated Mr. Clawson is honest, upstanding, and stable and, to [redacted] knowledge, has never betrayed a confidence. He said Mr. Clawson's stories are accurately reported and he is an ethical newspaperman who does not use subterfuge or deception. He commented favorably concerning Mr. Clawson's character, reputation, loyalty, and associates, and he recommended him for a position of trust with the United States Government.

Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., advised he has known Mr. Clawson both socially and professionally for the past year and a half. He said they are rather close personal friends and have visited in each others homes. He stated he considers Mrs. Clawson a respectable citizen. [redacted]

recalled the incident which occurred in October, 1970, as previously related by [redacted] wherein Mr. Clawson misquoted the Attorney General. [redacted] stated he feels

Mr. Clawson acted in good faith in that matter but had been mistaken as to the exact words used by the Attorney General at the press conference. He said Mr. Clawson is a man of integrity who is scrupulous and discreet. He advised that he has furnished information to Mr. Clawson on a confidential basis and Mr. Clawson has always kept his confidence. He stated that all material given to Mr. Clawson for publication has been accurately and fairly reported. [redacted] described Mr. Clawson as "moderate to conservative" in his approach, defining a moderate as one who avoids extremes of behavior or

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expression and observes reasonable limits. He defined a conservative as one whose political philosophy is based on tradition and social stability and prefers gradual development to abrupt change. [redacted] stated

Mr. Clawson recently consulted him concerning the offer of a position at The White House and he urged Mr. Clawson to accept the position. He commented favorably concerning Mr. Clawson's character, reputation, loyalty, and associates, and advised he feels Mr. Clawson would be a credit to the Federal service in a position of trust and confidence, and he endorsed him for such a position.

[redacted]
[redacted] Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., advised he has known Mr. Clawson primarily on a professional basis since about 1966. He stated he has had occasional social contact with Mr. Clawson. He said he considers Mr. Clawson to be a loyal American citizen who is honest and discreet. He stated Mr. Clawson displays high professional ethics and gives every indication of being a man of integrity. He stated Mr. Clawson is sufficiently aggressive to accomplish a mission without being obnoxious. He also said Mr. Clawson is reliable and trustworthy and enjoys a good reputation. [redacted] endorsed Mr. Clawson for a position of trust with the United States Government.

[redacted]
[redacted] advised he is the [redacted] of the residence located at [redacted] and in June, 1967, [redacted] Mr. Clawson and his family. He stated the Clawsons lived there until February 1968, when they moved to the Washington, D. C., area. [redacted] advised that he had very limited contact with Mr. Clawson and the other members of his family and stated he knows nothing of a derogatory nature concerning Mr. Clawson's character, reputation, loyalty, or associates. He stated Mr. Clawson was a good tenant and presented no problem to him. [redacted] did state that while residing there Mr. Clawson's wife unsuccessfully tried to commit suicide, but stated he is not familiar with the details of the incident.

[redacted]
[redacted] advised that she formerly resided at [redacted] and was well acquainted with Nancy Clawson when the Clawson family resided at 3062 River

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Road. She said she and Mrs. Clawson were good friends and Mrs. Clawson often told her things she did not discuss with the other neighbors. [redacted] stated that the Clawsons had marital problems of which she became aware when Mrs. Clawson [redacted]

Mrs. Clawson told her the girl with whom Mr. Clawson was involved worked with him at the "Toledo Blade." [redacted] stated she was also aware of the affair, stating that she observed that someone else used to drive Mr. Clawson home from work late at night and park the car in a church parking lot near her bedroom window. She stated that she observed that Mr. Clawson would sometimes stay in the car for one or two hours before he would get out and go to his residence.

[redacted] said she is aware of the fact that Mrs. Clawson attempted to commit suicide by running the motor of the family car in the closed garage. She stated she recalls this happening after Mr. Clawson had left Toledo to go to Washington, D. C., but had not yet moved his family to that area. She said she does not have the full facts concerning the incident but believes one of the children had stopped the suicide attempt. She advised that she did not know Mr. Clawson very well but does not think very much of him because he was "cheating" on his wife. She said she is aware that Mrs. Clawson later committed suicide in McLean, Virginia, and she feels that Mr. Clawson's actions could have caused his wife to do so.

[redacted] advised that she formerly resided at [redacted] and knew Mr. and Mrs. Clawson when they lived in the house [redacted] on River Road. [redacted] stated she hardly knew Mr. Clawson but she and Nancy Clawson became very close friends. She said Mrs. Clawson told her that Mr. Clawson had become involved with another woman who worked with him at the "Toledo Blade." She stated she did not know the name of the other woman. She advised that on one occasion she attended a party at the Clawsons', and the older Clawson daughter found Mr. Clawson and the other woman embracing. She said the daughter made such a scene over the matter that the party had to break up. She stated that when Mr. Clawson took a job in Washington, D. C., he went to Washington and left his family temporarily in Toledo. She said Mrs. Clawson told her that she drove to Washington to visit her husband and found that Mr. Clawson and another woman

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were living together as man and wife. [redacted] advised that she is aware that Mrs. Clawson tried to commit suicide in Toledo by parking her car in the garage and letting the motor run. She stated she does not know how the attempt was stopped but advised that she blames Mr. Clawson and his actions for Mrs. Clawson's attempted suicide. She said she does not feel she can make any recommendations concerning Mr. Clawson due to the way he treated his wife in Toledo.

[redacted] Toledo Police Department, Toledo, Ohio, advised that a check of all logical records maintained by the Police Department revealed no police report of an attempted suicide by Mrs. Clawson at 3062 River Road. [redacted] advised that if an attempted suicide had been reported to the Police Department a record would have been made.

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[redacted] advised he was a neighbor of Mr. Clawson's during 1967 and 1968. He said he considered Mr. Clawson to be a good neighbor and a fine person in every respect. He recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility. [redacted] stated he is aware of the fact that Mrs. Clawson's wife attempted to commit suicide while residing in the neighborhood but he knows no details concerning the matter.

[redacted] advised she recalls the Clawson family's residing in the neighborhood. She stated she was not well acquainted with Mr. Clawson but did talk to Mrs. Clawson frequently as Mrs. Clawson and her children would visit and use the [redacted]. She said Mrs. Clawson was a very difficult person with whom to converse and seemed moody and depressed all the time. She stated Mrs. Clawson did try to commit suicide by turning on the motor of the family car while it was parked in the garage. She said her contacts with the Clawsons indicated that they were apparently fine people in every respect. She recommended him for Clawson's position with the United States Government.

[redacted] advised that she is the [redacted] of the Colony Club, a rooming house which was located at 3032 N Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C. She stated Mr. Clawson was a guest in that rooming house for approximately three to six months during 1968. She has no

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records available and stated she is not absolutely certain of the period involved. She said Mr. Clawson resided there alone as he was looking for a house in the Washington area for his family which he left in Toledo, Ohio. She described Mr. Clawson as a quiet "family-type man" and he was not known to "run around" and did not have any female guests while he resided at the Colony Club. [redacted] stated she liked Mr. Clawson and found him to be a perfect gentleman as well as a well-rounded person of good character, morals, and reputation. She said [redacted] which she considers a good indication of a responsible person. She advised that Mr. Clawson is a loyal American and she knows of nothing unfavorable concerning him. She stated she knows of no reason why he could not be considered for a position of trust with the Government but does not feel she could recommend him since she did not know him well or long enough to make such a recommendation.

[redacted]
[redacted] advised that Mr. Clawson; his wife, Nancy; and their four children moved into the residence at 6611 Maugh Road in May, 1968. She stated Mrs. Clawson spoke to her on several occasions regarding neighborhood matters and appeared to be a well-adjusted housewife and mother who exhibited no sign of depression. She said that about three weeks after moving into the neighborhood Mrs. Clawson committed suicide. She advised that she immediately offered to keep the Clawson children so Mr. Clawson could take care of details concerning the death but Mr. Clawson became very curt and refused her offer. She said other neighbors offered their assistance and were also rudely treated. She stated she later collected money from neighbors and purchased flowers for the funeral, but when she asked Mr. Clawson where to send the flowers he advised her that flowers were not necessary as he had buried his wife the day after her demise. She advised that following his second marriage he and his second wife kept to themselves and did not associate with their neighbors.

[redacted] stated she personally does not like Mr. Clawson due to his curtness toward her and stated she would not comment further concerning him.

[redacted]
[redacted] advised that Mr. Clawson and his family moved into the neighborhood in May, 1968. She stated that prior to Mrs. Clawson's suicide some three weeks later she, [redacted] visited briefly with Mrs. Clawson but did not know her well. She advised that, following the death, [redacted] went to the Clawson residence to express their sympathy and to see if they could help

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in any way, at which time Mr. Clawson was very curt, stating that no help was necessary as he planned to have the funeral right away. [redacted] said that two or three months following Mrs. Clawson's death, a young woman by the name of [redacted] apparently began living at the Clawson residence. She said she observed that [redacted] car would be in the driveway late at night as well as in the morning when [redacted] arose around 6:30 a.m. She stated that the following March Mr. Clawson and [redacted] secured the services of [redacted] while they went to New York City to get a marriage license. She said, however, they had been residing in the same house for a number of months prior to their marriage.

[redacted] further advised that Mr. Clawson's [redacted] now aged [redacted] has been [redacted] Washington, D. C., for approximately two years and, to her knowledge, is being [redacted] She stated that around Easter, 1970, [redacted] b6 b7C and an unidentified Negro man were observed in the [redacted] neighborhood, following which the Clawsons' maid was attacked by [redacted] companion and the police were called. The man ran from the house but collapsed on the street in convulsions. An ambulance was called and while he was being placed therein [redacted] got into the ambulance and accompanied him to the hospital. [redacted] stated the man subsequently died of an overdose of drugs and [redacted] was returned to [redacted] 5

[redacted] advised that Mr. Clawson was a very aloof individual and, because of the fact that the "other woman" moved in so soon after his first wife's demise, she has serious questions concerning his morals and stated she would not hire him for a position of trust and responsibility.

[redacted] advised that she knows of Mr. Clawson through [redacted] Franklin Sherman Elementary School. She stated that shortly after his first wife's death, one [redacted] moved into the Clawson residence. She stated she observed [redacted] going in and out of the house continually. Further, she stated one of the Clawson children had stated that [redacted] was living there. She also said the neighbors were very upset with Mr. Clawson due to his actions at the time of his wife's death. She stated they attempted to offer their help and sympathy but he acted very rudely and refused

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their assistance. [redacted] stated that, following his first wife's death, Mr. Clawson's [redacted]

[redacted] one stated that around Easter, 1970, [redacted] escaped [redacted]. She furnished similar information concerning that incident as previously related by [redacted]. [redacted] said that due to the fact that Mr. Clawson resided with his second wife prior to their marriage and due to the actions of his [redacted] she would not hire him if she were in a position to do so.

[redacted] advised that she moved into her home in September, 1969, at which time Mr. Clawson and his second wife were residing in the neighborhood. She stated both Mr. Clawson and his wife were very cold and distant persons who did not associate with their neighbors. She stated that they kept to themselves and were not well thought of in the neighborhood due to their unfriendly manner. She advised that she has heard of Mr. Clawson's actions at the time of the death of his first wife and is aware that he [redacted]

[redacted] She said she would not recommend him for a position with the United States Government due to his unfriendly manner and poor reputation in the neighborhood.

[redacted] Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia, advised that in June, 1968, approximately two days following Mr. Clawson's first wife's suicide, she accepted a full-time job of baby-sitting for him. She stated Mr. Clawson was rude, curt, and disagreeable in his dealings with her. She also characterized him as being "a real cheapskate." She stated that she received approximately \$5 a day for her services, having to transport the children to various places in the area as well as doing the shopping, utilizing her own transportation. She stated that both [redacted] and [redacted] advised her that Mr. Clawson was dating a woman named [redacted] prior to the time of his wife's suicide.

[redacted] said he subsequently married [redacted]. She also advised that the children indicated that [redacted] visited their home at all hours of the day and night and, on one occasion, she was at the Clawson residence early in the morning when she, [redacted] reported for work. She said she does not consider Mr. Clawson to be a good father and, though he never physically mistreated the children in her presence, he was very unpleasant, short,

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and aggressive toward them. [redacted] advised that in August, 1968, she terminated her employment with Mr. Clawson and has had no contact with him since that time.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] Mr. and Mrs. Clawson as a [redacted]
in their home at 6611 Maugh Road, McLean, Virginia, from
August, 1969, to June, 1970. [redacted] advised that she

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[redacted] described Mr. and Mrs. Clawson as nice people. She stated Mr. Clawson was a "lovely man" who was always kind to her and whom she liked from the first day they met. She said he was a good husband and father. She stated Mrs. Clawson was also a nice lady who treated the three children living in the house as if they were her own. She said she would vouch for the character, loyalty, reputation, and associates of both Mr. and Mrs. Clawson and she recommended Mr. Clawson for a position of trust with the Federal Government.

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[redacted] advised she has known Mr. Clawson and the other members of his family since the Clawsons moved into the neighborhood approximately two years ago. She stated Mr. Clawson's wife, [redacted] is his second wife and she is aware that Mr. Clawson's first wife committed suicide. She said three of their children reside in the home and the [redacted] is [redacted]

[redacted] She described Mr. Clawson as a very intelligent, sober, and straightforward person who is a good conversationalist. She stated she has never heard anything derogatory concerning his character, reputation, loyalty, or associates, and she recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility.

[redacted] advised she has known Mr. and Mrs. Clawson as neighbors for approximately a year. She described him as a levelheaded and intelligent individual who possesses no "odd" or "radical" ideas. She stated he resides with his second wife, [redacted] and three children at 850 Merriewood Lane, and is considered to be a good neighbor by the other residents of the neighborhood. [redacted] stated she has been to social affairs attended by the Clawsons on several occasions, during which Mr. Clawson conducted himself as a gentleman and never used alcohol to excess. She advised she has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning any member of the family, and she recommended Mr. Clawson for a position of trust with the United States Government.

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[redacted] advised that she has known Mr. Clawson, his wife, and his three children since they moved into the neighborhood approximately two years ago. She stated she is aware that Mr. Clawson was employed by "The Washington Post" and described him as a sober, stable, and responsible individual who is a good neighbor. She also stated Mr. Clawson is an honest and trustworthy individual whose morals, character, reputation, and associates are above question. She said Mr. Clawson is a loyal American citizen, and she recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility with the United States Government.

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[redacted] "Monroe Evening News," Monroe, Michigan, advised that he was acquainted with Mr. Clawson when Mr. Clawson was employed by the News. He described Mr. Clawson as a very diligent worker who is a very capable reporter. He stated that while employed by the News Mr. Clawson was primarily engaged in police reporting and in covering the activities of the Monroe City Commission. He said Mr. Clawson is a loyal and patriotic American citizen and his reputation, character, and associates are above question. He recommended Mr. Clawson for a position of trust and responsibility.

[redacted] "Monroe Evening News," Monroe, Michigan, advised that he was acquainted with Mr. Clawson from 1954 to 1963. He stated Mr. Clawson was a competent and honest employee who is a loyal American citizen.

[redacted] stated he is uncertain concerning Mr. Clawson's character because he has heard "scuttlebutt" indicating Mr. Clawson "fooled around" with other women, which was a contributing factor to his first wife's suicide. He said he does not recall the source of that information but believes the stories were started by neighbors of Mr. Clawson's who [redacted] b6 b7C
Mr. Clawson was residing at 320 Colonial Drive in Monroe. b7D

[redacted] stated he would recommend Mr. Clawson for a position of trust with the United States Government.

[redacted] "Monroe Evening News," Monroe, Michigan, advised that while employed by the News Mr. Clawson was an excellent reporter and a man of good character whose loyalty, reputation, and associates were above reproach.

[redacted] stated he hated to lose Mr. Clawson's services, and he recommended Mr. Clawson for a position of trust with the United States Government.

[redacted] Monroe Evening News," Monroe, Michigan, advised he was very closely associated with Mr. Clawson and his first wife when Mr. Clawson was employed by the News. He stated that his family and Mr. Clawson's family spent vacations together and he was well acquainted with [redacted]. He advised that [redacted]

[redacted] and always felt inadequate and unworthy of Mr. Clawson. He stated she had been from a broken home and could not cope with all of her responsibilities, needing reassurance and "ego building."

[redacted] said he was very close to Mr. Clawson and never heard of his being involved with any other woman. He stated there

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can be no question concerning Mr. Clawson's patriotism or his ability as a reporter. He said Mr. Clawson is extremely ambitious, has "a lot on the ball," and has made the statement that he would climb over anyone to get ahead. He advised that Mr. Clawson is the "best legman" he has ever met and could always "get the story." He recommended Mr. Clawson for a position of trust with the United States Government.

[redacted] Monroe,

Michigan, now retired, advised that he was [redacted] in Monroe when Mr. Clawson was employed by the "Monroe Evening News." He stated that he found Mr. Clawson to be honest and fair in the reporting of crime in Monroe but he does feel Mr. Clawson would "use anybody to get ahead." [redacted] stated Mr. Clawson is very ambitious and often stated that someday he would "work for 'The New York Times.'" [redacted] said Mr. Clawson was acquainted "on a first-name basis" with one [redacted]

[redacted] hoodlum, but stated that was strictly in connection with his activities as a police reporter as Mr. Clawson would associate with anyone to get a story.

[redacted] said he has heard stories that Mr. Clawson's first wife's suicide grew out of his relations with the woman who became his second wife. He stated these are strictly rumors and he had no knowledge of their source or accuracy. [redacted] advised that when Mr. Clawson was working as a police reporter he would bring him, [redacted] supposedly confidential news items from the Mayor's office, and [redacted] felt that Mr. Clawson was probably taking such items from his [redacted] office to the Mayor. He also advised that Mr. Clawson and his wife allegedly spent free weekends at a club in Toledo which was a "hoodlum hangout" operated by one [redacted] a Toledo hoodlum. [redacted] commented

favorably concerning Mr. Clawson's loyalty to the United States and he recommended him for a position with the United States Government.

[redacted] Monroe, Michigan, advised he knew Mr. Clawson quite well when Mr. Clawson was employed by the "Monroe Evening News." [redacted] stated that, as a police reporter, Mr. Clawson had many contacts in the Toledo, Ohio, area and on one occasion invited [redacted]

[redacted] He stated he feels that such associations on the part of Mr. Clawson were strictly due to the fact that he was a police reporter and the associations were purely professional. [redacted] said he

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had heard rumors that Mr. Clawson was a "lady's man," which tendency was allegedly a factor in his first wife's suicide. He stated he does not recall the source of that information. He described Mr. Clawson as a law-abiding citizen who is a skilled reporter, and advised that other than the information indicating Mr. Clawson was a "lady's man" he would have no hesitation in recommending Mr. Clawson for a position of trust with the Government.

[redacted] advised he was [redacted] when Mr. Clawson was employed by the "Monroe Evening News." He stated that on occasion he gave Mr. Clawson information in confidence and on every occasion Mr. Clawson maintained that confidence. He also stated that sometimes Mr. Clawson would [redacted] and he and Mr. Clawson felt they could rely upon each other. He advised that he is aware that Mr. Clawson associated at times with people of unsavory character due to his professional duties and requirements and not to personal desire. [redacted] stated Mr. Clawson is a loyal American whose character, reputation, and associates are above question and he recommended him for a position of trust with the Federal Government.

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[redacted] advised that she knew the Clawson family quite well during the 1960's when they resided in her neighborhood. She stated she was very fond of Mrs. Clawson but, quite frankly, did not like Mr. Clawson. [redacted] explained that years ago [redacted]

[redacted] She stated she could hear the voices of the men and heard Mr. Clawson, who had been drinking, bragging about his sexual exploits with women. She said it was rumored in the neighborhood that his present wife was "waiting in the wings" while he was married to Nancy, his first wife. She stated she does not know this to be true but does know that his present wife worked with him in Toledo. She stated she does not know the source of the rumors. She said Mr. Clawson is a loyal American and a very intelligent man, but because of his comments about his sexual exploits she could not recommend him.

[redacted]
[redacted] advised she knew the Clawsons quite well when they resided at 320 Colonial Drive from about 1959 to 1966, when the family moved to Massachusetts. She stated she has heard rumors that Mr. Clawson "ran around" with women but has no reason to believe

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such rumors and she placed no credence in them. She stated Mr. Clawson was a good father and husband and mentioned that she, [redacted] was very close to Nancy Clawson, who never mentioned any problems with Mr. Clawson. She commented favorably concerning Mr. Clawson's character, loyalty, reputation, and associates, and she recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility.

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[redacted] Monroe County, Michigan, advised he knew Mr. Clawson very well when Mr. Clawson was employed by the "Monroe Evening News." He described Mr. Clawson as a very competent and intelligent reporter who was always very cooperative with his, [redacted] department. He said Mr. Clawson was a "regular guy" who would have a "few drinks with the boys." [redacted] stated that as a police reporter Mr. Clawson was acquainted with many individuals of unsavory reputations but knew them only as a means of obtaining possible stories, and such persons could not be called his personal associates. He advised that Mr. Clawson is a loyal American of good character and reputation. He recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility.

Forty other associates and acquaintances of Mr. Clawson's were interviewed. They advised that he is a loyal American whose character, reputation, and associates are above question. Those acquainted with the other members of his family advised that they are reputable people. He was described as an aggressive, hardworking, and intelligent news reporter who vigorously pursues new ideas. It was also stated he is civil and polite to all persons with whom he comes in contact, yet is very persuasive in projecting his personality. He was also described as a very ambitious individual who is discreet, straightforward, and free from any bias. They recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility.

Close Relatives

In addition to those previously mentioned, Mr. Clawson has the following close relatives:

Father

Johnsie D. Clawson
Monroe, Michigan.

Kenneth Wade Clawson

Mother

Lillas Walker Clawson
Monroe, Michigan

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Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from the appropriate credit reporting agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Clawson.

Information has been received from the appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no information concerning Mr. Clawson or his close relatives, with the exception of the following:

The records of the Toledo Police Department, Toledo, Ohio, indicate Mr. Clawson was cited for speeding on January 21, 1965. This charge was dismissed on February 9, 1965.

Those records also indicate Mr. Clawson's father, Johnsie D. Clawson, was cited on April 27, 1966, for "failure to stop within assured clear distance ahead," for which he was fined \$15 and assessed costs of \$4.10.

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Clawson:

The White House Office; House Committee on Internal Security; Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission; Passport Office, Department of State; United States Secret Service; and the

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The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Clawson.

Enclosures (3)

Mitchell Says U.S. Citizens Might Use Vigilante Tactics

By Ken Clawson
Washington Post Staff Writer

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 16.—Attorney General John N. Mitchell said today that citizens "might have to resort to vigilante tactics" to combat widespread lawlessness in the nation.

Mitchell said he did not condone such tactics, but pointed out that citizens taking the law into their own hands have precedents in American history.

"Society may take it upon itself to defend itself against this lawlessness," Mitchell said. "I hope it doesn't come about, but citizens might have to resort to vigilante tactics."

Asked about weapons that vigilante groups would need, Mitchell said state authorities should "remove guns where they are illegally held, and review local and state laws on weapons to evaluate their strictness."

At a press conference opening his day-long visit to campaign for Rep. Richard Roudabush for the Senate, Mitchell said there was no danger that government itself would swing the legal pendulum in favor of police power. Government will not create a repressive society, he said, because "the constitution and the courts control that."

But he emphasized that law and order is the key issue in the Nov. 3 elections. He said the passage earlier this week by Congress of the organized crime and narcotics bills indicated that Democrats were jumping on the law-and-order bandwagon.

The Attorney General was asked if members of Congress as well as foreign diplomats have been the subject of kidnapping and assassination threats by radical groups.

He said these threats indeed had been received by the Justice Department and the FBI, and some of them came from groups that "we might anticipate are capable of carrying out such acts."

While he would not name any specific group, he said the threats came from "nihilist radicals and militants" dedicated to the destruction of American society.

He said that the law does not permit federal protection of Congressmen or Cabinet officers who receive such threats but that the FBI makes individuals named in threats aware of the existence and possible source of them.

Mitchell, Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin and Sen. John Tower (R-Tex.), all spoke to a meeting of major Indiana Republican contributors today, with the Attorney General saying that incumbent Sen. Vance Hartke had voted soft on crime in 1968, but that in the fact of a strong Republican challenge was now voting in favor of administration bills.

Observers here said that while Roudabush had made a very strong early challenge against Hartke, the veteran Democrat in recent weeks has been coming on strong and that the race is now a tossup.

As Mitchell entered the club in which the meeting was held, William Keith, GOP committeeman from Indiana, told Mitchell that he had "42 big ones"—major financial contributors—that he wanted the attorney general to "turn on."

Earlier, Mitchell spoke at the Indiana University Indianapolis Law School. He saluted urban law schools for turning out young lawyers attuned to their dual responsibilities to law and the communities.

While he urged that law students assist the disadvantaged, he said it should be acknowledged that they are inexperienced and usually immature, and need control by qualified, working lawyers.

The Washington Post
Washington, D. C.
October 17, 1970

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cleveland Cpm

DATE: 2/15/72

FROM : L. H. Martin LM

SUBJECT: KENNETH WADE CLAWSON
aka Ken W. Clawson
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My previous memo of 1/21/72 (attached) advised that The White House had requested a full field investigation concerning Clawson with no restrictions. By letter dated 1/11/72 we furnished the results of a very limited check concerning Clawson in which no open inquiries were made. Clawson was appointed Deputy Director of Communications for the Nixon Administration, effective 2/7/72. He is the former Washington Post reporter who has been critical of the Bureau. The White House has been advised of his hostility toward the Bureau.

The full field investigation of Clawson is now complete. Clawson was employed by newspapers in Monroe, Michigan, and Toledo, Ohio, before coming to Washington with the Post in March, 1968. In June, 1968, his first wife, Nancy, committed suicide in McLean, Virginia, by running her car in a closed garage. In March, 1969, he married his present wife, [redacted] and they reside in McLean with three of his children [redacted] by his first marriage. [redacted] has been [redacted] since October, 1969.

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Some officials in the Department of Justice would not recommend Clawson as they felt he had violated their confidences. Others, including [redacted] highly recommended him. Persons in Monroe and Toledo advised that they are certain Clawson was running around with his present wife before the suicide of his first wife. Former neighbors in Toledo stated his first wife unsuccessfully attempted suicide while residing there. They stated Mr. Clawson was then running around with his second wife, who was then employed with him on the Toledo Blade. Other persons in Monroe and Toledo advised he was closely associated with local hoodlums but only on a professional basis as he was then a police reporter. 61853242

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1 - Mr. Rosen
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Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland
re KENNETH WADE CLAWSON

Former neighbors in McLean, where first wife committed suicide, would not recommend him as they stated his present wife moved in very shortly after the death of his first wife and they did not get married until March, 1969. They also said that when his first wife died, Clawson was curt and rude to them when they offered him their assistance and condolences. They also described an incident which occurred in the neighborhood in March 1970.

when his [redacted] and showed up in the neighborhood with her Negro boyfriend, also an escapee, who attacked the Clawson's live-in maid. The maid fought him and he ran from the house, collapsed in the street, and later died in the hospital from an overdose of drugs.

Clawson is the reporter who misquoted the Attorney General in October, 1970, with regard to the use of vigilante tactics by citizens. This appeared in the Post of 10/17/70 and resulted in much criticism of the Attorney General in the press. The Deputy Attorney General wrote the Post concerning the misquote and set the record straight with a tape made of the Attorney General's remarks. The Post then publicly printed a retraction in the 10/25/70 issue.

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ACTION: Enclosed is a letter to [redacted] at The White House transmitting the results of our investigation which should be delivered by liaison.

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(WHITE HOUSE CHANGES)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD IS CONTEMPLATING SEVERAL MAJOR PERSONNEL CHANGES AFTER THE ELECTION AND MAY EVEN APPOINT SOME REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES TO DIPLOMATIC OR CABINET POSTS IF THEY ARE DEFEATED.

IT WAS LEARNED YESTERDAY THAT FORD WILL NAME NEW UNDERSECRETARY TO PORTUGAL.

[REDACTED] HAS SERVED IN DIPLOMATIC POSTS IN AFRICA AND HEADED THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN THE NIXON YEARS. HE WOULD REPLACE [REDACTED]

THE WHITE HOUSE DECLINED TO COMMENT ON A NEWS REPORT THAT [REDACTED] IS BEING FIRED.

[REDACTED] MADE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AGREEMENT GIVING RICHARD NIXON CUSTODY OF HIS TAPES AND DOCUMENTS THAT WOULD HAVE PERMITTED THEIR DESTRUCTION IN 10 YEARS OR UPON NIXON'S DEATH.

[REDACTED] SAID OTHER PERSONNEL CHANGES WOULD BE ANNOUNCED LATER. HE DID NOT COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT GOP LOSERS IN TODAY'S ELECTION MIGHT BE APPOINTED TO OFFICE.

[REDACTED] ALSO ANNOUNCED THE RESIGNATION OF KEN CLAWSON, A FORMER WASHINGTON POST REPORTER WHO SERVED AS COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR IN THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION.

HE SAID THE COMMUNICATIONS POST WOULD BE ABOLISHED BUT THAT NIXON'S [REDACTED] WOULD REMAIN IN THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE AS LIASON WITH OUT OF TOWN NEWSPAPER EDITORS AND OTHER MEDIA.

[REDACTED] IS TO BE REPLACED BY CAREER [REDACTED] A CAREER DIPLOMAT, HANDLED THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASPECTS FOR THE NIXON PRESS OFFICE. HE WILL LEAVE NOV. 15.

[REDACTED] TO FORD, ALSO WILL BE INVOLVED IN DUTIES SIMILAR TO THOSE OF WARREN.

[REDACTED] AN ASSISTANT PRESS SECRETARY, WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE PRESS OFFICE TO WORK DIRECTLY IN THE [REDACTED] WARREN OPERATION,

NEVER SAID.

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